

Three siblings sentenced to death for murder

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A Chattogram court yesterday sentenced three siblings to death and another to life imprisonment in a case filed over the murder of a businessman in Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar in 2016. The death row convicts are Abu Bakkar, Yunus Hossain and Ibrahim Mostafa. Mohammad Sohaib was

The body of Nurul Huda was recovered from Ferryghat area in Chakaria upazila, Cox's Bazar on June 30, 2016. He was murdered over political rivalry.

sentenced to life.

Judge AKM Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury delivered the verdict in presence of one of the convicts.

The rest are absconding. The court also acquitted one person as the charges brought against him could not be proved, public prosecutor Ayub Khan told The Daily Star.

According to the case statement, the body of Nurul Huda was recovered from Ferryghat area in Chakaria upazila, Cox's Bazar on June 30, 2016. He was murdered over political rivalry.

His son Mohammed Shahjahan later filed the case with Chakaria Police Station accusing five.

Police pressed charges in November 2016.

A tale of never-ending deadlines

Railway asks for another 2-year extension for project supposed to finish in 2020; more projects face the same situation



PROJECT IN QUESTION

Tk 1,799.11 cr project was supposed to be done by Jun 2020; project's deadline extended twice

If extension approved, the 2.5-yr project would take 6.5 yrs to finish; authorities still maintain costs will not increase

OVERALL SITUATION

BR implementing 8 projects to procure, rehabilitate engines, coaches

Deadline of 6 projects already extended; another in limbo

Only one project, taken in 2020, is running according to deadline

OFFICIALS' REASONING

Delay in contract signing main reason behind extensions

Covid-19 affected tendering process, inspection, commissioning of product

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In December 2017, Bangladesh Railway (BR) took up a project to procure 20 metre-gauge (MG) locomotives and 150 MG carriages to expand railway services and resolve the growing crisis of rail engines and coaches.

The Tk 1,799.11 crore project was supposed to be completed by June 2020. But, authorities had failed to even complete the signing of agreements with all vendors within that period, let alone complete the project.

Its deadline has already been extended twice, and now, the authorities have sought for two more years, sources said.

If approved, the project would take six and a half years to finish, instead of the stipulated two and a half years. There is a direct link between the time extension and cost escalation, but authorities still maintain that costs will not increase.

This is not an isolated case, however.

Currently, BR is implementing eight projects in connection with procurement and rehabilitation of engines or coaches.

Deadlines of six projects have already been extended, while another one, taken to renovate 21 MG locomotives, is failing to manage contractors even after floating

tenders thrice.

Only one project, taken in 2020, is running according to the deadline, shows documents. Normally, other infrastructure projects get delayed due to issues related to land acquisition or shifting utilities. But here, no such complexities were needed to be dealt with.

BR has taken up the projects to improve its capacity and meet the shortage of locomotives and carriages. For example, at least 175 out of 263 locomotives are past their 20-year economic lifespan, while 78 of them are more than 50 years old, shows BR data of August 2021.

THE PROJECT IN QUESTION

In December 2017, Ecne approved a project to procure 20 MG locomotives and 150 MG carriages. Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of South Korea is giving Tk 1,414.67 crore, out of the total Tk 1,799.11 crore.

In March, 2019, BR inked a deal with Hyundai Rotem Company to buy 20 new MG locomotives for Tk 674.09 crore. Ten of the locomotives have started operation, while the other ones have reached Bangladesh, shows the project document.

In July, 2020, BR signed a contract with a South Korean joint-venture firm to procure 150 MG carriages at the cost of

Tk 658.31 crore, and it came into effect in October, 2020.

Under the contract, the firm -- Sung Shin RST and Posco International -- would supply the carriages within 30 months, after the contract comes into effect.

In this given situation, the project authorities on February 7 sought two more years to complete the project.

Project Director Mohammad Hassan Mansur could not be reached for comments, but a BR official said the delay in contract signing is the main reason behind seeking the extension.

OTHER PROJECTS

BR took a project in November 2015 to purchase 250 coaches at a cost of Tk 1,374 crore, and it was supposed to be implemented within September 2015. But the latest deadline of the project is June.

Another project was taken in June 2018 to procure 40 locomotives and 1,125 wagons and luggage vans. Although deadline of the project was June 2021, authorities said they would require till June 2025 to complete the work.

In November 2015, it took a project to procure 10 MG locomotives, four accident-relief cranes and one set of locomotive simulators at the cost of Tk 733.61 crore.

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800 litres of soybean oil hoarded!

Grocer fined Tk 50,000 for creating artificial crisis in Rajshahi

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

When a consumer went to buy soybean oil yesterday afternoon, a grocer at Hadi's intersection in Rajshahi city denied him.

However, Md Juwel (42), owner of M/s Shahabuddin Store, found himself in trouble as the customer was a plant by the Directorate of National Consumer Right Protection (DNCRP).

Denied the oil, the customer called the DNCRP officials who were waiting nearby along with police, who rushed in to challenge Juwel and raid his warehouse near the shop.

During the raid, the DNCRP officials, headed by assistant director Hasan Maruf, found 160 pieces of 5-litre bottles of soybean oil. Using his magistracy power,

Hasan Maruf formed a mobile court and heard accounts from several customers and the grocer himself.

Juwel told the court that the soybean oil bottles were stored for his preferred buyers.

"These bottles would be sold off in a moment if I took them to the shop," Md Juwel was heard telling the court in a video clip of the raid.

The mobile court found the grocer guilty of creating artificial crisis of soybean oil and fined him Tk 50,000. The court also warned him not to commit the similar crime again.

"No trader gets to conceal so much oil for preferred buyers," Hasan Maruf said.

"Denying oil to a consumer when the trader had it in stock is a serious offence," he told The Daily Star. "The prevailing crisis of oil has been occurring due to traders like Juwel," said Hasan Marud.



PRAYER
TIMING
MAR 7



	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
Azan	5-15	12-45	4-30	6-05	7-30
Jamaat	5-50	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

All things book

Star Books holds discussion at Gulshan Society book fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Curating books in Bangladesh is an especially rich endeavour, because we have two languages and our own publishing world. A proper bookstore would want to cover everyone and all of this," said Amina Rahman, managing director of Bookworm Bangladesh.

She made the remarks at a discussion session moderated by Daily Star Books at "Gulshan Society Book Fair 2" on Friday.

Held on March 4-5 at Gulshan Lake Park, the fair's second iteration included

stalls by many publishing houses, including Bookworm Bangladesh, Bengal Boi, University Press Limited, Baatighar and ULAB Press.

Moderated by Daily Star Books Editor Sarah Anjum Bari, the session put bookstores Bengal Boi and Bookworm Bangladesh in conversation.

Readers -- most being Bangladeshis -- want to know more about this country, Luva Nahid Chowdhury, director general of Bengal Foundation, said during the session. "Storytelling and listening to stories have disappeared

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Rafiur Rabbi, father of 17-year-old Tanwir Muhammad Taqi; family members; NCC mayor Selina Hayat Iy and many others offer prayers at the grave of Taqi yesterday morning, marking nine years of his murder. This photo was taken from Siraj Shah Astana graveyard in Bandar upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

'He was self radicalised'

Says CTTC after arresting expat in the capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Counterterrorism officials claimed to have arrested a "self-radicalised" Bangladeshi who recently returned home from Bahrain.

Monir Hossain Razzak (40) was arrested from Dhaka's Fakirerpool on Saturday, Asaduzzaman, chief of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CCTC) unit of DMP, told a press conference yesterday.

According to CTTC, Monir moved to Bahrain in 2007 as a construction

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Invitation for Tenders



"মুজিববর্ষের অঙ্গীকার
উন্নয়ন-অর্থায়নের উৎস হবে পুঁজিবাজার"

BSEC/Admin/41:44/2021-265 Date: 03 March 2022


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1	Package No: bsec/egp-display/2021-22/g-006 & Tender ID: 663690	Supply of Conference room display with sound system at Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	2,75,000/-	21-Mar-2022 16:30	22-Mar-2022 14:30

This is an online 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 (<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 banks branches up to as mention in table. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Memo No. DPEO/BOG/2021-2022/403 Date: 02.03.2022

e-Tender Notice No. 01/2021-2022

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1.	Package No: e-Tender/Bogura/NBI DGPS-1/G1.0087 Tender ID: 641109	Furniture Supply for 77 Nos Class Room and 08 Nos. Teachers Room of Selected 19 Nos of Govt. Primary School at different location of Bogurat District.	OTM	22.03.2022 11:00	22.03.2022 15:00
2	Package No: e-Tender/Bogura/NBI DGPS-1/G1.0088 Tender ID: 645183	Furniture Supply for 106 Nos Class Room and 13 Nos. Teachers Room of Selected 21 Nos of Govt. Primary School at different location of Bogurat District.	OTM	22.03.2022 11:00	22.03.2022 15:00
3	Package No: e-Tender/Bogura/NBI DGPS-1/G1.0089 Tender ID: 645188	Furniture Supply for 82 Nos Class Room and 08 Nos. Teachers Room of Selected 22 Nos of Govt. Primary School at different location of Bogurat District.	OTM	22.03.2022 11:00	22.03.2022 15:00

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