

'Bring Ilias back'

Sylhet BNP submits memorandum to home ministry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

BNP's Sylhet district unit yesterday demanded that its former organising secretary Ilias Ali be brought back, who went missing from Dhaka on April 17, 2012.

Marking 10 years of the day, Sylhet BNP leaders filed a memorandum to the home ministry via Sylhet's deputy commissioner and demanded that all its disappeared leaders and activists, including Ilias Ali, be brought back.

The memorandum read the prime minister and other government high-ups promised to bring back Ilias Ali. "It's been 10 years, and the promise is yet to be fulfilled," it read.



They also stated that Sylhet Chhatra Dal leaders Iftakhar Ahmed Dinar and Junaed Ahmed also disappeared from Dhaka on April 3, 2012.

"It is high time all disappeared BNP leaders were brought back," said Abdul Kaiyum Chowdhury, president of BNP's Sylhet district unit.

Ilias, then organising secretary of Sylhet division BNP, and his driver Ansar went missing from the capital's Banani area on the night of April 17, 2012.

Since then the family members have been waiting anxiously for their return home.



Once 12km long, the mighty Hamkura is now a dead river, due to mindless encroachment and lack of surveillance by the authorities concerned. Presently, a paddy field stretches as far as the eyes can see, along with hundreds of concrete, semi-concrete mudhouses, brickfields and schools on the river bed.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

CHILDHOOD LOST

Child labour in transport sector rampant in port city

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Fifteen-year-old Md Musa is one of the many child transport workers in Chattogram, employed as a helper of a human hauler on the Chawkbazar to Halishahar Baro Pool route.

Musa only got to study till the fifth grade. Poverty forced him to drop out of school and start working some two years ago. Back then, he used to make Tk 300 a day.

The little to no opportunities for skills development for these children include the risky driving lessons they get from the drivers. Musa is no exception.

"My ustad (driver) asks me to drive the



vehicle to the garage after the last trip of the day. This is how I have been learning to handle the steering wheel," said an enthusiastic Musa.

His enthusiasm, however, does not rule out the fact that children working in the transport sector – a common scenario in the port city – can prove extremely detrimental to the well-being of these children as well as the safety of commuters in general.

A study conducted by Dr Manzur-ul-Amin Chowdhury, a researcher, social scientist and senate member of Chittagong University, recently revealed that over 15,000 children have been working in the

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Death of a river

Once mighty, Hamkura falls victim to encroachment

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

The road on the west of Dumuria's Baliakhali bridge had to be crossed through the mighty Hamkura on ferries. The road is still there. The river, however, is not.

Instead, a paddy field stretches as far as the eyes can see. The bridge only stands as proof of a river that once was here. Once 12km long, the mighty Hamkura is now a dead river, thanks to the unscrupulous land grabbers and lack of surveillance by the authorities concerned.

Merely two decades ago, the river was a busy one with innumerable small and big boats, trawlers and launches plying on it all day long. There was an abundance of fish, including hilsha, which fishermen used to catch to make a living.

Hamkura, a connecting river, originated from the River Shree. The Bildakatia region – through which the river flowed – was inundated with waterlogging in the early eighties. To solve the crisis, locals cut dams at four points, including Bildakatia's Amvita. This proved to be counterproductive, as the tidal waters of Bhadra swelled and overflowed the area.

In 1995, as part of the K-JDRP (Khulna-Jashore Drainage Rehabilitation Project), the dam was blocked, which resulted in the Hamkura drying in just three months. That is when the river bed started to be used for various constructions.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent saw hundreds of concrete, semi-concrete mudhouses, brickfields and schools have been built on the river bed. At least three families currently live under the bridge. All of it has been facilitated by local influential, while the administration stays silent, according to locals.

Momtaz Begum, one of the residents, said their family has been living there for almost 20 years. "We took shelter under the bridge as there is no other land for us," she said.

Md Haider Ali Khan (65) of Gonal village said none could venture to cross the river – which was 400 metres wide – by swimming even in the eighties.

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of works	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender security submission (date & time)	Tender opening (date & time)
01	687354	eGP/Rev/LTM/F RD-15/2021-2022 (Re-Tender)	Providing side Widening by Construction of HBB work of Feni Old Airport Road (Z-1083) under Feni Road Division during the year 2021-2022.	08-May-2022 15:00	09-May-2022 12:00	09-May-2022 12:30
02	687355	eGP/Rev/LTM/F RD-16/2021-2022 (Re-Tender)	Road Marking work of pedestrian crossing/Zebra crossing & related Sign Signal supply (including placing at nominated place) for different roads of Feni Road Sub-Division 01 (One) & 02 (Two) under Road Division Feni, during the year 2021-2022.	08-May-2022 15:00	09-May-2022 12:00	09-May-2022 12:30

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Elephant on the loose!



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Residents of Gaibandha Sadar upazila's Tinmail started their morning with a rare and peculiar scene yesterday.

A circus elephant, broke free from the clasps of the mahut (elephant keeper), and ran miles through a paddy field. The animal had caused quite the stir, as locals, livestock and forest department officials visited the spot.

District livestock officer, Masudar Rahman speculated that the elephant may have done this either because it was being abused by the mahut or it was hungry. Officer-in-charge of Gaibandha Social Forest Department, Shariful Islam said, "We don't have the skilled manpower required to control elephants."

Meanwhile around 5:00pm, the mahut was able to bring the elephant back to the circus.

NATESHWAR

5th octagonal mound found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Another octagonal mound has been discovered at Nateshwar village in Tongibari upazila of Munshiganj.

With this, five octagonal mounds have been discovered at Nateshwar village, said Prof Sufi Mostafizur Rahman, executive director of Oitihya Anweshan, in a press conference.

The press conference was organised by Agrasar

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01	Tender ID 683138 Tender Package: BKB-DOMYMEN/OTM-COMP-01/2020-21 Reference No: BKB/DO/(Mymen)/OTM(Comp)-01/(20-21)/21-22/3845; 10.04	Supply of 70 set Brand Personal Computer (PC) to various Branches throughout Mymensingh Division of Bangladesh Krishi Bank.	Date: 09-05-2022 Time: 14:30	Date: 10-05-2022 Time: 14:00	OTM
02	Tender ID 683465 Tender Package: BKB-DOMYMEN/OTM-UPS-01/2020-21 Reference No: BKB/DO/(Mymen)/OTM(Comp)-01/(20-21)/3771; 05/04/2022	Supply of offline UPS (1200VA) for several Branches of BKB Mymensingh Division	Date: 10-05-2022 Time: 15:00	Date: 11-05-2022 Time 14:30	OTM

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**Sonali Bank Limited**  
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Head Office, Dhaka

Memo No. HO/ITD (IT P&M)/purchase Date: 17/04/2022

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Name of tender	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1	683685	Procurement of Precision Air Cooler (PAC), Air Modulator/Active Floor, Raised Floor Solid & Perforated Panel, Ultrasonic Pest Controller, Metered Rack Power Distribution Unit (PDU), Environmental monitoring system for Sonali Bank Limited.	10-May-2022 15:00	10-May-2022 15:30

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01	e-GP/BSRTI/Enh-20-21/SGEA-02	686263 24.07.812 2.027.30.167(1).18	Supply Installation, Testing & Commissioning of HVAC system with all associated works for Air-conditioned modern Silkworm rearing house at BSRTI, Rajshahi	08-May-2022 14:29	09-May-2022 14:29	09-May-2022 14:29

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