

## PBI finds body of girl missing for a week

### Arrestee confesses to killing her after rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) yesterday recovered the decomposed body of a fourth-grader, who has been missing since March 21.

Abeda Sultana Aynin, 11, was a student of Abdul Ali Government Primary School at Saraipara. Her body was found inside a sack near a pond in port city's Alamtara Murgir Farm area.

Police said she was raped before being strangled to death. Later, her body was dumped in a ditch on the night of March 21.

PBI has arrested Rubel, 30, a roadside vegetable vendor, in this connection.

PBI Chattogram Metro Unit Superintendent of Police (SP) Naima Sultana said, "Since March 23, PBI has been investigating a missing diary filed with Pahartali police station. On Tuesday evening, PBI held Rubel and started quizzing him. Rubel then admitted to raping and murdering her."

"Based on his confession, PBI conducted a drive at the pond area and spotted the decomposed body," said the SP.

Luring the child, Rubel took the girl to a house and raped her there. As the victim tried to scream, Rubel strangled her to death, she added.

After filing the GD with the police station, Abeda's mother lodged a complaint with Chattogram Women and

SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

## WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN BAGERHAT

# Fighting water crisis for a decade

PARTHA CHAKRABORTY

In 2013, Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) in Bagerhat set up a water-treatment plant in Kachua upazila at a cost of Tk 1.10 crore. And this plant has been bounty for the locals ever since.

Unlike many water-treatment projects, this plant has been serving the people continuously, without any hiccups, partly thanks to local authorities taking good care of the facility.

The plant can treat 30,000 litres of water per hour. Pond and canal water is purified by sand filtration method, and the water is later supplied to around 400 households through pipelines.

In return, consumers have to pay a small subscription fee.

Mentionable, there are numerous taps at the project site, where people from all over the upazila gather every day with jugs, bottles and drums to collect pure drinking water. Some of them even sell the water after returning to their localities.

According to officials, this water plant quenches the thirst of about 20,000 residents.

After construction, DPHE handed over the plant to the upazila parishad. There is a committee headed by the upazila nirbahi



People from all over the upazila gather every day at the plant's premises with jugs, bottles and drums to collect pure drinking water. Some of them even sell the water after returning to their localities. PHOTO: STAR

officer (UNO) to manage the plant, and three workers do maintenance work.

They regularly clean the water tanks and refineries, and their salaries and allowances are paid from the money received from the beneficiaries. Locals said that this model of maintenance is the reason behind the facility running so smoothly.

However, due to the low production capacity, residents outside the upazila headquarters do not get the water through the pipelines. Locals have demanded setting up more such plants to directly supply water in all areas of the upazila.

Niaz Iqbal, a local, said, "Previously, there was a shortage of fresh water in Kachua. But now, I get fresh supply at home. This has made our life much easier."

The traders at Kachua market said the quality of the water supplied by the upazila parishad is great.

Al Amin, proprietor of Mir Hotel and Restaurant at Kachua Bazar, said, "Water supplied from the plant is used for cooking food in hotels, and no one has any complaints."

Bappi Debnath, a trader from Signboard Bazar area, which is farther away from the headquarters, said, "This water is mainly for the

SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

## 'Protect children and their rights'

### Say speakers, demanding implementation of Children's Act-2013

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Children's Act-2013 needs to be implemented as soon as possible, along with creating a separate commission, to ensure the rights of children, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They said although it has been required by law, since 2001, to obtain birth certificates, many people still do not do so due to a combination of ignorance and the perceived complexity of the procedure.

The event, titled "National Consultation on Child-Focused UPR Stakeholder's Report", was organised by Child Rights Advocacy Coalition Bangladesh and Joining Forces Bangladesh, presenting a draft report detailing the development, limitations, and recommendations of child rights in Bangladesh.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroze Chumki said, "A child's rights may be jeopardised due to the difficulty of obtaining a birth certificate. Union and municipal officials have been accused of overcharging for birth certificates as well."

"The role of parents is crucial. Our parents are more concerned with our academic performance and prospects than with our development as individuals. As a result, they fail to make use of resources meant to foster children's cognitive growth," she added.

Seventeen-year-old Mosammat Anika shared how she intervened when a girl in the fifth grade living in a Mohammadpur slum was being married off a month ago.

"I dialled 1098 and successfully halted the wedding. That girl's name was recorded as a 'survivor of child marriage' by government officials. Later that night, however, the girl was married off anyway," said Anika.

SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

**SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC)**  
BARC Complex, Farmgate  
Dhaka - 1215, Bangladesh

**Vacancy Announcement**

SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) under the framework of SAARC has been working for strengthening agricultural research and technology transfer through regional network among agricultural research/extension institutions and policy makers in the South Asian Region. SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) is inviting application for the position of Senior Technical Officer [to be recruited from citizens of Bangladesh].

Details of appointment notice, qualification and experience, terms and conditions, salaries/allowances, facilities and benefits etc. shall be available at the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka - 1215, Bangladesh and in website: <http://www.sac.org.bd>.

All Applications should reach to Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) not later than 30 April 2023.

**Canvassing of any form will disqualify the candidate.**

All rights reserved by the authority.

Director, SAC

## HC refuses to order

FROM PAGE 3

The bench, however, said the alleged incidents mentioned in the petition are unexpected and unfortunate. With the observations, the bench disposed of the petition.

All the 14 candidates from pro-BNP lawyers'

panel collectively submitted the petition to the HC on March 19.

The two-day SCBA election was held amid police assault on lawyers and journalists and clashes between pro-Awami League and pro-BNP lawyers on March 15 and 16.

## The new

FROM PAGE 3

the fourth industrial revolution, the pandemic and current world political situation caused changes in the established systems, prompting most countries to change their education system. Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury; Educationist Muhammed Zafar Iqbal; DSHE Secretary Soleman Khan; NCTB Chairman Prof Farhadul Islam; Senior Secretary of the Technical and Madrasah Education Division Kamal Hossain; Unicef Chief of Education Deepa Shankar; and Member of the Public Service Commission Prof Syed Golam Faruk also spoke at the event, presided over by DSHE Director General Prof Nehal Ahmed.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Land Administration Training Centre  
Ministry of Land  
277/5/A, Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam Sarani  
Nilkhet, Katabon Dhal, Dhaka-1205  
[www.latc.gov.bd](http://www.latc.gov.bd)

Memo No. 31.04.0000.000.07.007.2022-324 Date: 28/03/2023

**Invitation for Tender Open Tender Method e-Tender Notice No.**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works, details are given below:

SL	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of work	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender opening & closing (date & time)
1	808647	01	Procurement of Books	12-April-2023 17:00	13-April-2023 11:00
2	808812	01	Procurement of Stationery Item	12-April-2023 17:00	13-April-2023 21:42
3	808751	01	Procurement of Training Materials	12-April-2023 17:00	13-April-2023 12:30

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. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal, e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)) also interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

**Khan A. Sobur Khan**  
Assistant Director (Development & Service)  
Land Administration Training Centre  
Dhaka-1205  
Phone: 58610596

GD-585

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
Health Engineering Department (HED),  
Health services Division  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Barishal Division, Barishal  
HED Bhaban, Brown Compound Road, Barishal  
E-mail: [xenhedbsl2015@gmail.com](mailto:xenhedbsl2015@gmail.com), Phone: 0247-8861211

Memo No: 45.02.0000.341.07.003.22-1636 Dated: 29/03/2023

**e-Tender Notice (NCT, LTM)**

Ministry Approval Reference No: 59.00.0000.155.26.018.22-27 Dated: 01/03/2023

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following packages.

SI No.	Name of District	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Document Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing and Opening Date & Time
1	Bhola	806221, 806222, 806223, 806224, 806225, 806226, 806227, 806228, 806229, 806230, 806231, 806232, 806233, 806234, 806235, 806236, 806237, 806238, 806239	HED/BD/GOB-Health/2022-23/01 to HED/BD/GOB-Health/2022-23/19	16-Apr-2023 16:00	17-Apr-2023 12:30

These are Online Tenders where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the above mentioned Portal and no off-line tender/hard copies will be accepted. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited on Online through any registered Bank's branch up to time specified in Online Notice. Supplementary information with guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) and from the e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)). The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Engr. Md. Ishaque Miah**  
Executive Engineer  
Health Engineering Department (HED),  
Barishal Division.

GD-591

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Local Government Engineering Department  
Office of the Upazila Engineer  
Sadar, Lakshmipur  
[www.lged.gov.bd](http://www.lged.gov.bd)

Memo No-46.02.5143.000.14.001.23-498 Date: 29/03/2023

**e-Tender Notice(LTM) No-08/2022-23**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works. Details are given below:

SI No.	Package No Name of Work	Tender ID No.	Last Selling Date & Time	Last Date & Time of Tender Submission	Closing & Opening Date & Time
01.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/01	808753	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 12:10
02.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/02	808754	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 12:20
03.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/03	808755	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 12:30
04.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/04	808756	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 12:40
05.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/05	808757	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 12:50
06.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/06	808758	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 13:00
07.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/07	808759	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 13:10
08.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/08	808760	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 13:20
09.	e-Tender/UZP/UDF/Lax-s/2022-23/09	808761	16-Apr-2023 12:00	17-Apr-2023 11:00	17-Apr-2023 13:30

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. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

**(Md. Azizul Haque)**  
Upazila Engineer  
LGED, Sadar, Lakshmipur.  
e-mail: [ue.laxmipur-s@lged.gov.bd](mailto:ue.laxmipur-s@lged.gov.bd)

GD-587