

RAPE, MURDER OF SCHOOLGIRL

Cop was 'negligent' while investigating

Finds internal police report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An internal probe of police reportedly found that the sub-inspector who investigated the missing diary filed for a fourth-grader, who was raped and murdered in Chattogram's Pahartali area last month, showed sheer negligence and unprofessional attitude during investigation.

A source inside Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) headquarters confirmed that Additional Deputy Commissioner Asif Mohiuddin submitted his internal probe-report findings, stating that sub-inspector Dulal

Mia is guilty of utter negligence. Asif recorded the statement of 12 persons in this regard.

Contacted, Asif told the newspaper, "It's a sensitive issue, and during investigation, you have to be more professional. I have sent the probe report to my superiors." He, however, declined to disclose any information about the findings.

The report, which was submitted to the CMP commissioner on Tuesday, suggested taking departmental action against Dulal.

On the morning of March 29, Police Bureau of Investigation's (PBI) Chattogram metro unit

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A doa mahfil for Rokia Afzal Rahman -- chairperson of Mediaworld Ltd, the owning company of The Daily Star -- was held before iftar at The Daily Star Centre yesterday. She breathed her last at Mt Elizabeth Novena Hospital in Singapore earlier in the day.

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TK 116CR LAUNDERING
Ex-Fareast stocks chairman, relatives among 17 sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has sued 17 people -- including MA Khalek, former chairman of Fareast Stocks and Bonds Limited -- for allegedly laundering Tk 116 crore through fake deposits.

Khalek's wife Sabiha Khalek, son Shahrir Khaled Russo, daughter Sharwat Khaled, and her husband Tanvirul Haque reportedly played a role in the entire laundering process. Apart from that, Khalek along with his relatives and associates caused a financial loss of Tk 585 crore to the organisation, according to CID.

CID filed a case under money laundering act on Tuesday with Motijheel Police Station, said Inspector Monirul Islam of Organised Crime (Financial Crime Squad) at CID.

According to the case statement, Khalek, while

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BCL leader killed in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Miscreants killed a former Chhatra League leader in Lalmonirhat's Kaliganj upazila on Tuesday night.

The incident took place in the grounds of Jamirbari Govt Primary School in the upazila's Shrutidhar village.

Locals took Abu Musa Choton (36), who was vice president of Kaliganj upazila unit BCL, to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, where he died, said OC of Kaliganj Police Station Golam Rasul.

Police detained a youth, Rakid Islam Palash (25) from the upazila's Bhotmari union, on Tuesday night, the OC said.

OC Golam said Choton was at home after iftar on

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Damaged embankment threatens croplands

MD AMINUL ISLAM, Netrakona

Hundreds of farmers in Netrakona's Kalmakanda and Barhatta upazilas are facing a serious threat, as several damaged parts of the 10-kilometre-long flood-protection embankment, stretching from Ambari to Hirakanda of Kalmakanda's Pogla union, are yet to be completely repaired.

Funded by Japan International Cooperative Agency (Jica), the embankment was built under the supervision of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), spending Tk 1.84 crore in 2019, to protect boro fields from flash floods.

However, about one and a half kilometres of the dam, stretching from Charulia to Pathanpara area, suffered a serious blow during last year's flood, locals said.

The embankment got damaged at different points as several holes

developed on it due to heavy rainfall, they added.

However, Jica stopped releasing funds for the repair work, following a conflict among members of Dashdar Ranigaon Water Management Cooperative Samity, local farmers alleged.

Although the upcoming monsoon is much closer, the broken portions are yet to be completely repaired. Farmers fear that their standing boro fields might get affected by the flash flood this year.

Farmer Ashraf Ali of Ranigaon village said it is quite unfortunate as they are gradually becoming victims of personal feuds among members of the cooperative society.

The cooperative society was formed so that farmers could get benefits through proper monitoring, but now they are worried about whether they will be able to harvest their crops or not.

Boro is the main crop of people living in the haor areas, and they will lose everything if a flash flood affects their boro fields.

Pogla Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Mozammel Haque said if the embankment is not repaired immediately, boro fields on about 1,500 acres of land in different haor areas, including Manduria, Pitua, Chatigaon, Biarbanda and Dogra Beel, might get badly affected during the monsoon.

During a recent visit to the area, local lawmaker Manu Majumder talked to the farmers and locals and assured them of repairing the structure as soon as possible, the chairman said.

Residents said members of the cooperative society are divided into two groups for their personal interest.

District Cooperative Officer

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GRIDLOCK AT TIKATOLI... Commuters suffer in traffic jams at this intersection in Tikatoli area on a hot Ramadan afternoon. According to passers-by, vehicles coming from opposite directions are to blame for contributing to the congestion on this road. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Injured PUST students handed over to families

BCL, proctor allege them of being involved with Shibir

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At last three injured students of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST), who were allegedly tortured by BCL activists, were handed over to their families.

BCL men allegedly tortured the three students at a residential hall on Tuesday night and early Wednesday, on allegations against the three being involved with Chhatra Shibir.

The three injured are -- Golam Rahman Joy, a master's student of public administration; Asadul Islam, a senior-year student of English; and Azizul Haque, a third-year student of engineering.

According to sources, a group of BCL men suddenly charged the three students when they were at Shaheed Minar compound on Tuesday night.

They then took the three to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall and allegedly tortured them.

Around 3:00am, the proctor called the police and handed the injured over to them.

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TK 10 LAKH BRIBE

Rajshahi income tax officer sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court yesterday sent an income tax official to jail over receiving Tk 10-lakh bribe from a physician.

The court of Rajshahi metropolitan sessions judge rejected the bail prayer of the official, Mohibul Islam Bhuiyan, and ordered to send him to jail, said Amir Hossain, an additional director of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Earlier in a raid at the income tax commissioner's office on Tuesday, ACC of Rajshahi arrested Bhuiyan.

The ACC team caught him red-handed when he was taking Tk 10 lakh from Fatima Siddika, a physician. A nine-member ACC team conducted the raid, and staffers of the office scuffled with the team at that time.

Later, Aminul Islam, a deputy director of the divisional office of ACC, filed a case against Bhuiyan

with the integrated district office of Rajshahi ACC.

Describing the case, ACC's Amir said Bhuiyan called Fatima at his office a month ago and demanded Tk 8 lakh in exchange for reducing her income tax.

When Fatima declined to pay, Bhuiyan threatened her of reopening and reevaluating five years of her tax files.

As Fatima ignored the threats, he reopened five years of her files and demanded Tk 2 crore bribe to settle the matter.

On March 29, Fatima contacted ACC in Dhaka.

With knowledge of the ACC officials, Fatima continued bargaining with Bhuiyan, who agreed to settle for Tk 50 lakh.

She went to Bhuiyan's office on Tuesday and paid him Tk 10 lakh, and ACC officials caught Bhuiyan.

ACC placed Bhuiyan before the metropolitan sessions judge's court yesterday noon.

Six get death penalty for abducting, raping college student

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A Natore court yesterday sentenced six people to death and four to life imprisonment for abducting and raping a college student over 10 years ago.

The court also fined each one of the convicts Tk 1 lakh.

Those who got death penalty are -- Md Sabir Ahmed, Md Rezaunul Rabbi, Md Nazmul Haque, Md Rajibul Hasan, Md Ripon and Md Shahidul.

Md Monirul Islam, Md Khairul Islam, Md Ataul Islam Atau and Md Rezaul Karim received life-term imprisonment on the day.

Judge Muhammad Abdur Rahim of Natore Women and Child Abuse Prevention Tribunal gave the verdict.

According to case documents, on October 19, 2012, the victim left for college for urgent work and met Sabir Ahmed on the way.

Later that same day, the convicts took the girl to the Eidgaon field of the district's Mirzapur area, and then raped her multiple times.

Locals then rescued the girl in an unconscious state, and police arrested the group.

On October 20 that year, the girl's father filed a case with Singra police station.

Court's Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Advocate Anisur Rahman said that after almost 10 years of investigation and evidence gathering, the court finally gave the verdict.

Besides, the court acquitted a person, as he was not involved in this incident.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR
DETAILED DESIGN CONSULTING SERVICES (DDC) FOR BIBIRBAZAR, BIROL, DARSHANA,
SHEORA, SONAHAT, AND TEKNAF BCPs (Firms selection)
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Assignment: Detailed Design Consulting Services for Bibirbazar, Birol, Darshana, Sheora, Sonahat, and Teknaf BCPs

Package No: NBR/CS-02

- The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan (Loan 4178-BAN) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to partly finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Program (SDP). The National Board of Revenue (NBR) under the Internal Resource Division of Ministry of Finance and the Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA) under Ministry of Shipping will implement the project part of the SDP, which will build Integrated Land Customs Stations (LCSs) and Land Ports (LPs) at Akhaura, Sonamasjid, Tamabil border-crossing points (BCPs), and prepare detailed designs of the central customs facilities, and integrated LCSs and LPs at other BCPs. Part of project financing will be used to engage a Detailed Design Consulting (DDC) firm to provide consulting services for detailed design of Bibirbazar, Birol, Darshana, Sheora, Sonahat, and Teknaf BCPs.
- The PIU of "SASEC Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Project: NBR Part" ("the Client"), now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) in English from reputed eligible international consulting firms ("the interested Consultant") from ADB member countries for short-listing in order to provide consulting services in the area of "Detailed Design Consulting Services (DDC)".
- The scope of the consulting services ("the Services") is to prepare detailed designs of the central customs facilities in Dhaka, and integrated LCSs and LPs at other BCPs including Bibirbazar, Birol, Darshana, Sheora, Sonahat, and Teknaf as outlined in the Development Project Proposal (DPP) of GOB and Project Administrative Manual (PAM) of ADB.
- The DDC Firm among others will carry out the following tasks:
 - prepare detailed designs of the central customs facilities in Dhaka, and integrated LCSs and LPs at other BCPs including Bibirbazar, Birol, Darshana, Sheora, Sonahat, and Teknaf based on the engineering designs prepared by the Project Preparatory Consultant (PPC) engaged under TA 9879-BAN: SASEC Integrated Trade Facilitation SDP;
 - make necessary update of the economic and financial analysis, initial environmental examinations (IEEs), resettlement plans, indigenous peoples plans, gender assessment report and gender action plan, and climate risk assessment and vulnerability reports prepared by PPC, in accordance with the prepared detailed designs; and
 - prepare bidding documents for works and goods following ADB's standard bidding documents.

Details tasks and responsibilities of Consultant are available in Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Services.

- The PIU will conduct the short-listing of the interested consulting firms for the above-mentioned Service. The firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The key qualifications and experiences of the Consulting firms required are as follows:
 - Technical Competence: general experience, specific experience in similar assignments (detailed design/detailed design review consulting services with comparable scale and technical specifications. Firms with previous experience in the integrated trade facilitation infrastructure development sector will be given preference);
 - Geographic Experience: experience in similar geographic area;
 - Summary of relevant permanent professional employees and resource persons;
 - Experience in working with Multilateral Development Banks - MDBs (i.e. ADB, World Bank etc.).
- Expected date for commencement of the Services is December 2023 and it is to be implemented over 18 calendar months from the commencement date. It is anticipated that 190 person-months by National Key experts and 155 person-months of Non-key experts will be required.
- The Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method following the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).
- According to the latest ADB procurement regulations, the REOI for this Consultant Service has been published electronically in the ADB Consultant Management System (CMS) which can be accessed through the following link:
https://selfservice.adb.org/IOA_HTML/adh/xcrs/jsp/ADBCsmFwd.jsp?sel=187342
The interested consulting firms are hereby advised to access the REOI through the above link. If any contradiction is found between ADB CMS website notice and newspapers & other website notice, the information on CMS notice shall prevail. The Consultants shall have to submit their EOIs electronically through the ADB CMS by 11:59 PM (Manila local time) on 15 May 2023. For technical inquiries/assistance, the interested consulting firms may seek advice by emailing to the following email address: cmshelp@adb.org.
- Offline submission of EOIs is NOT allowed.
- A Consulting Firm may associate with other firms to enhance its qualifications, clearly indicating whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy. In case of a JV, all the partners in the JV shall be individually and jointly liable for the entire contract. The EOI should mention the qualifications and experiences of each member of the association as well as contribution of each member in delivering the Services. If a Joint Venture submits an EOI, they must submit a Memo of Intent to form a Joint Venture that explicitly identifies the lead entity entitled to conduct all business on behalf of the joint venture and commits to submitting a joint venture agreement on required terms and conditions if shortlisted.
- The Consulting services contract award and signing will be subject to ADB's approval. The EOI submitted by a consulting firm will be rejected if it or its associated firm has been debarred by GoB or the ADB.
- Further information can be obtained at the address of the undersigned given below during office hours preferably by email.
- The Client will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Firm(s) in connection with the preparation or submission of the EOI.
- The Client reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.

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