

Locals protest 'hotel attempting to grab land'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Over 700 locals of Naikhongchhari upazila in Bandarban staged a demonstration yesterday against authorities of a renowned private hotel that allegedly is attempting to encroach upon some 150 acres of land.

They formed a human chain around 9:00am in front of the upazila parishad, claiming that the authorities tried to encroach their land in the name of setting up a private school and boarding.

While speaking, Swee Thowi Ching Marma said some 300 Marma families have been living on this land for many years, but a private hotel based in Cox's Bazar encroached on the land.

"If the hotel authority is allowed to start its construction work, then many Marma families, who have lived on the land for years, will be evicted and turned into refugees," he said.

Mongching Chak, another demonstrator, said the land in question has been encroached upon by various companies and establishments in Naikhongchhari in the past.

As a result, the families of eight Chak communities and eight Marma communities, who were evicted between 2006 and 2014, still live a life of uncertainty, he said.

Naikhongchhari Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Romen Sharma expressed solidarity with the protesters and urged the local people to be aware of land encroachments.

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Reviving Moulvibazar's 'dead canal'

Re-excitation brings hope for an end to waterlogging

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The Gogalichara canal in Kulaura municipality of Moulvibazar, the only means to drain water, has been a victim of filling and encroachment for many years. As a result, even a little rain causes waterlogging on the roads in the area, creating public nuisance.

The encroachment made the canal so narrow that locals now call it "Mora Gogalichara", which can be translated as "the dead canal".

However, there is renewed hope as the Water Development Board (WDB) recently started re-excavating the canal under the "River, Canal and Beel Re-dredging Program in 64 Districts (Phase I)".

The job was given to M/s M Rahman, a contracting firm from Mymensingh, with an estimated cost of about Tk 64 lakh. The work began on February 19 and is expected to be completed by June 30.

According to Kulaura municipality authorities, the Gogalichara canal originates from the hills of Gazipur area of Moulvibazar Sadar upazila, passes through various areas of the municipality, and joins Fanai river at Kadipur union.

Fanai is connected to Hakaluki haor. During a visit to the site, it was found that re-excitation is underway with excavators in Sonapur, Uchhlapara, and Dakshin Magura parts of the canal. However, some people have built culverts and boundary walls on both sides of

Waterlogging is a perennial problem for the municipality, and the re-excitation work is a step towards resolving the issue. The boundaries of the canal have been marked before the work began, and the residents have been requested to remove any illegal structures.

SIPAR UDDIN AHMED
Mayor of Kulaura municipality

the ridge, which must be removed before the work can be completed, said project insiders.

The once drought-prone canal has suffered due to a lack of necessary measures to protect it. The canal was once wide and flowing, but now, it has basically

turned into a narrow drain, said local Abul Hossain. He hopes that the re-excitation work will put an end to their suffering from flooding. Other residents echoed the same.

Sadek Mia, a local farmer, said that cultivation is not possible in croplands due to long waterlogging.

Apart from re-excitation, the municipal authorities have taken the initiative to de-encroach the canal, and after the work is completed, a road will be constructed on both sides of the waterway in some places.

Mayor Sipar Uddin Ahmed emphasised that waterlogging is a perennial problem for the municipality, and the re-excitation work is a step towards resolving the issue.

The boundaries of the canal have been marked before the work began, and the residents have been requested to remove any illegal structures, he said.

Al Amin Sarkar, Deputy Assistant Engineer of WDB Kulaura Region, who is supervising the re-excitation work of the canal, said that about 80 percent of the work has already been completed and is expected to be finished within the stipulated time.

'Free journo held under DSA'

Local journalists demand at human chain

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Local journalists formed a human chain at Thakurgaon town intersection yesterday demanding immediate release of Rahim Shuvo, Thakurgaon district correspondent of Daily Protdiner Bangladesh, and withdrawal of all cases under DSA against journalists across the country.

People from different professions participated in the hour-long programme, jointly organised by Thakurgaon Television Journalist Association and Online Journalist Association, to express solidarity with journo.

Judge of Rangpur Cyber Tribunal Md Abdul Majud sent Rahim Shuvo to jail while he went to the court on last Thursday for seeking bail in a DSA case filed on April 18 in 2020.

Mominul Islam Bhashani, president of Baliadangi upazila unit of Swachhchasebak League filed the case against Rahim and three others for tarnishing his image.

The investigation officer of the case, Sub-inspector Khademul Islam, placed a charge sheet on April 30 accusing one Shawan Amin and Rahim Shuvo.

'Repeal Digital Security Act'

Demands Chhatra Odhikar Parishad

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University unit of Chhatra Odhikar Parishad held a rally on campus yesterday, demanding repeal of the Digital Security Act (DSA).

The participants, with their mouths tied up with black clothes, protested the government's "repression of freedom of expression".

During the rally, the participants showed a "red card" to the DSA, symbolically calling for the act to be disqualified.

They claimed that the DSA was established to silence dissenting voices of journalists and the public, and that it was being used to intimidate journalists from reporting on government corruption.

Besides, Gonotantrik Chhatra Jote also held a protest on campus, calling for the immediate repeal of the DSA.

Rule on Tarique-Zubaida's defence on April 13

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court will decide on April 13 whether BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman and his wife Zubaida Rahman will get any lawyers to defend them in absentia in a graft case filed by Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in September 2007.

After an hour-long hearing, Judge Md Asaduzzaman of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court set the date for passing an order on the issue.

The couple's defence submitted an application on March 29, seeking permission to defend them in their absence in the case.

During yesterday's hearing, lawyer Masud Ahmed Talukder, representing Tarique Zubaida, cited different rulings of the higher courts, saying that a fugitive accused can get a lawyer if they are unable to appear before the

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CUSTODIAL TORTURE

Are OC, SI on leave to avoid action?

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

Two Chattogram police officers, accused in a case filed for torturing a youth in custody, have been on "sick leave" for more than 45 days, raising questions about whether they are trying to avoid arrest or departmental action.

Following a court order, Md Shahnewaz Khaled, superintendent of police of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Chattogram, filed the case with Panchlailsh Police Station on February 22, accusing its officer-in-charge Nazim Uddin and sub-inspector Abdul Aziz.

On February 20, OC Nazim arrested one Syed Mohammad Mustakim during a protest against the price hike of kidney dialysis at Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

Police filed a case with the station, accusing Mustakim of assaulting the law enforcers.

Later, he received bail from a Chattogram court and on February 21 filed a complaint with a Chattogram court, alleging that after his arrest, he was brutally tortured inside the police station.

The court took the case filed by

Mustakim into cognizance. It asked the CID to investigate it and submit a report, and also file a case against the OC and SI over custodial torture.

Meanwhile, the police officers went on "sick leave", said Chattogram Metropolitan Police Deputy Commissioner (DC-North) Mokhlesur Rahman.

They are yet to join office, said police. Several senior police officers, seeking anonymity, said OC Nazim is doing it to fend off his arrest in the case with the help of some colleagues in the high-ups.

DC Mokhlesur Rahman told The Daily Star, "OC Nazim submitted some prescriptions and hospital documents and applied for medical leave."

When asked what kind of health problem Nazim mentioned in the leave application, the DC said, "I don't know. His medical leave was granted as he had valid reasons, that's it."

Asked why the OC has not been suspended although he has been made accused in a case, the DC said, "I don't want to tell the details. CID is investigating it."

Contacted, CMP Additional Commissioner (Crime and Operation)

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One Syed Mohammad Mustakim, who was arrested during a protest against the price hike of kidney dialysis at CMCH, alleged that he was brutally tortured inside the police station.

PRAYER TIMING APRIL 10

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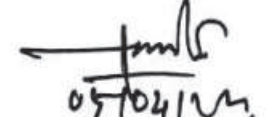
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Tender Cancellation Notice

Tender for Procurement of "1.5 Million Machine Readable Passport Booklets and 2 Million Lamination Foil" invited by the Department of Immigration and Passports vide Tender Invitaitaon Memo No. 58.01.0000.102.55.001.20(part-2)-111 dated: 26thFebruary 2023 published on 27th February 2023 in the "Financial Express", "The Daily Star", "Kaler Kantha" and "Ittefaq" is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.


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e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following packages of Routine and Periodical Maintenance Works:						
Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of works	Document price (BDT)	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time
1	810361	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/01	Repair, maintenance of civil works (plaster, wooden door shutter, R.C pad, glass pan, painting etc), sanitary & plumbing works and electrical works (switch, socket, point wiring etc) of Doctor's Dormitory (3 unit) at Tungipara Upazila Health Complex in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
2	810362	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/02	Repair, maintenance of civil works (plaster, wooden door shutter, R.C pad, glass pan, painting etc), sanitary & plumbing works and electrical works (switch, socket, point wiring etc) of Nurse's Dormitory (2 unit) at Tungipara Upazila Health Complex in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
3	810363	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/03	Repair, maintenance of civil works (plaster, wooden door shutter, glass pan, painting etc), sanitary & plumbing works and electrical works (switch, socket, point wiring etc) of Class-II staff Qtr (8 unit) and Class-II Qtr (1st Floor, 2 unit) at Tungipara Upazila Health Complex in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
4	810364	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/04	Repair, maintenance of civil works (plaster, wooden door shutter, painting etc), sanitary & plumbing works and electrical works (switch, socket, point wiring etc) of Pakeria Union Sub Center (RD) at Tungipara Upazila Health Complex in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
5	810365	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/05	Construction of Privacy wall with Gate of Kotalpara UZHC at Kotalpara Upazila in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
6	810366	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/06	Repair, maintenance of civil works (plaster, wooden door shutter, veranda grill, tiles, tile, aluminium, painting etc), sanitary & plumbing works and electrical works (switch, socket, point wiring etc) of Doctor's Qtr (6 units) at Kashiyan Upazila Health Complex in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
7	810367	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/07	Repair, maintenance of civil works (brick works, plaster, wooden door shutter, MS window shutter & grill, glass pan, tiles, ladder, painting etc), sanitary & plumbing works and electrical works (switch, socket, point wiring etc) of Class-II staff Qtr (6 units) at Kashiyan Upazila Health Complex in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
8	810368	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/08	Repair, maintenance of civil works (plaster, wooden door shutter, glass pan, tiles, painting etc), sanitary & plumbing works and electrical works (switch, socket, fan supply, point wiring etc) of Shajil UH&FWC (RD) at Kashiyan Upazila in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
9	810369	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/09	Repair, maintenance of civil works (shed with MS truss, CGI sheet, GI pipe, plaster, wooden door shutter, glass pan, tiles, painting etc), sanitary & plumbing works and electrical works (switch, socket, fan supply, point wiring etc) and external works (Garden fencing) of Sader UH&FWC office at Sader Upazila in Gopalganj District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
10	810370	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/10	Construction of Gate & internal road at west site of Muktadpur Upazila Health Complex, Gopalganj.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
11	810371	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/11	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (RC pad, aluminium window, grill, wooden door, plaster and painting), sanitary, plumbing and electrical works of MO (1000sf) Quarter (2-storied 4 unit) at Falihal Upazila Health Complex in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
12	810372	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/12	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (RC pad, tiles, aluminium window, grill, wooden door, plaster and painting), sanitary, plumbing and electrical works of Male & Female ward (Diarhoea & Corona ward) at first floor of rear block, office room of UH&FPD, kitchen room and 2 Nos. Nurses duty room at Shoronkhola Upazila Health Complex in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
13	810373	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/13	Repair, maintenance, renovation and re-construction of RCC roof slab of existing room (old part) & construction of new No. attached new toilet of Jatapur Union Health Sub-Center (RD) at Sader Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
14	810374	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/14	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (RC pad, RCC roof of Chikhotka, aluminium window, grill, wooden door, plaster and painting), sanitary, plumbing and electrical works of MO (1000sf) Quarter (1-storied 2 unit) at Mongla Upazila Health Complex in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
15	810375	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/15	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (RC pad, tiles, aluminium window, grill, wooden door, Plaster and painting), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of class-II (800sf) Quarter (2-storied 2 unit) at Shoronkhola Upazila Health Complex in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
16	810376	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/16	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Aluminium window, grill, wooden door, Plaster and painting), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of MO (1000 sf) Quarter (2-storied 4 unit) at Falihal Upazila Health Complex in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
17	810377	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/17	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (RC pad, wooden door, Plaster and painting), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of MO Quarter (2-storied 2 unit) at Chitalmari Upazila Health Complex in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
18	810378	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/18	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Gaborkhali Community Clinic of Gotapara Union at Sader Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
19	810379	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/19	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Badokhali Community Clinic of Sattorgonj Union at Sader Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
20	810380	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/20	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Mollahat Community Clinic of Udaypur Union at Mollahat Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
21	810381	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/21	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Narandrapur Community Clinic of Ranpara Union of Kaucha Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
22	810382	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/22	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Madantola Community Clinic of Gazalia Union of Kachua Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
23	810383	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/23	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Kharaikhal Community Clinic of Ponchokoron Union at Murrelgonj Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
24	810384	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/24	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Kismetambus Community Clinic of Batabania Union at Murrelgonj Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
25	810385	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/25	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Borobola and Chandantola Community Clinic of Jeorhara Union at Murrelgonj Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
26	810386	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/26	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, RC pad, Plaster, painting & CC road), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Pagla Ghanosharmagar Community Clinic of Fakihat Union at Fakihat Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
27	810387	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/27	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, grill, wooden door, Plaster and painting), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Class-II (800 sf) Quarter (2-storied 4 unit) and Class-II (800 sf) Quarter (2-storied 4 unit) at Fakihat Upazila in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00
28	810388	HED/GD/GOB-Repair-2022-23/28	Repair, maintenance & renovation of civil works (Tiles, grill, wooden door, Plaster and painting), Sanitary, Plumbing and Electrical works of Office of the Assistant Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED) in Bagerhat District.	1000.00	25-04-2023 17:00	26-04-2023 14:00