

'CU movement a Shibir ploy to capture science faculty'

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The on-going students' movement at Chittagong University (CU) for cancellation of the grading system in examination is orchestrated by Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) to reap benefit for itself and Jamaat-e-Islami on the campus, sources claimed.

The movement launched under the banner of Sadharan Chhatra Chhatra Sangram Parisad (SCCSP) is led by Shibir activists including Shehab, Mahboob and Shawkat of Suhrawardy Hall.

The Shibir activists under the cover of the SCCSP want total scrapping of the grade system and reintroduction of the old class system.

General students responded to the movement call though they

want 'revision' of the grade system, not its total scrapping, the sources said. The sources include some CU teachers.

Shibir's purpose behind the movement is to "capture the science faculty" by ensuring recruitment of more of their activists as teachers in mathematics, statistics and chemistry departments, they claimed.

If class system is reintroduced, there is a chance that about 28 students in the three departments, who are now third year students and Shibir activists, will get First Class in Honours examinations.

Twelve of them are in mathematics department, eight in statistics and eight in chemistry departments.

If they get the desired result, teachers will be recruited from among them, the source claimed.

Now there are eight pro-Jamaat teachers in mathematics, seven in statistics and 12 in chemistry departments.

If things go as per the plan, pro-Jamaat teachers will be much more in number than those belonging to other parties, and they will dominate the science faculty, the sources claimed.

With this aim in view, pro-Jamat teachers strongly protested the grade system in the Academic Council meeting held at the office of the Vice Chancellor on September 30. They demanded restoration of class system.

However, the meeting decided not to restore the class system but to revise the grading system.

The meeting formed a seven-member committee to submit a

report by October 12.

Besides, deans of all faculties also recommended revision of the grading system, not revival of the old class system.

When contacted Vice Chancellor Prof AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury however denied the allegation that the movement was orchestrated by Shibir.

"We have seen students from all parties taking part in the movement", he said.

But after few days most of the students became disillusioned, he said.

On the progress made by the Academic Council committee in preparing its report, the VC said it is trying to harmonise the recommendations earlier submitted by the deans.

Manzurul Imam murder in Khulna OC, IO transferred for not towing ruling party line, AL to plan agitation today

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

Notorious outlaw Debprashad alias Debu of Biplabi Communist Party (BCP) has been taken on two days' fresh remand by Khulna thana for questioning in a murder case.

He was shown arrested in the murder of an unidentified young man, whose body packed in a gunny bag, was recovered on August 1 from near the SOS Shishu Polli in Nirala residential area.

Sources in Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) said Debu, arrested on September 8 from a rented apartment at Moulavipara under Khulna thana, will also be quizzed in connection with the murder of Khulna city Awami League President advocate Manjurul Imam.

Another outlaw - Haider Ali - in his judicial confession on Wednesday recorded by a First Class Magistrate in Jessore said

that Debu and his men were paid Tk eight lakh for killing Manjurul Imam.

Haider also said Debu was paid in full by the masterminds for murdering Manjurul Imam.

Police refused to disclose names of the masterminds named by Haider for the sake of investigation.

Outlawed Purba Banlar Communist Party PBCP (J) had claimed responsibility for Manjurul Imam's murder few hours after the AL leader was gunned down on August 25 morning.

"We are in a fix after Haider said Debu was involved in the killing (of Imam)", said a senior official of KMP.

Meanwhile, there has been no progress in the investigation into the murder of Manjurul Imam as OC Shibli Noman and IO of the case Sub Inspector Zahid Hossain were issued transfer orders. They have already left KMP.

Sources said the OC and the IO

repeatedly refused to be guided by an influential MP of the ruling party in the investigation.

Awami League and its front organisations have alleged "improper handling and dillydallying" in investigation into Manjurul Imam murder case with a view to "damaging its merit". The authorities are buying time unnecessarily case, they alleged and called for launching a vigorous movement for arrest of the killers.

Top AL leaders have warned the KMP administration of "severe consequence for not bringing the cat out of the bag to identify and arrest the real killers and masterminds whoever they may be".

A movement programme may be finalised at a meeting of AL's city committee today, party source said.

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Timber seized by BDR in Satkhira

BSS, Satkhira

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized eight boats loaded with stolen timber worth over Tk 5 lakh from Kholpetua and Kholishabunia rivers in Shymnagar upazila recently.

The seized timber were deposited with Burigalini forest station, police said. None was arrested.

2 children drown in Barisal

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Two children drowned in separate incidents in Barisal on Thursday.

Eight year-old Belal drowned in the Kirtankhola river near Barisal launch ghat as the mechanised boat he and some others boarded sank after being hit by a fishing trawler. All other passengers swam ashore but Belal was missing.

Fire Brigade recovered Belal's body from the river after two hours' search.

In another incident, five year-old Rabbi drowned in a pond at Banaripara village as he slipped into the water while playing.

Combat diarrhoea jointly

Divn commissioner asks officials to work on holidays as 2 more die, 2000 attacked in Nilphamari

EA M ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

As diarrhoea continued to spread in Nilphamari, Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner Mustaq Ahmed at a meeting here called upon the district administration, health officials, political leaders, NGO and media representatives and the elite to join hands to face the situation.

At the meeting which continued till late night Friday night, he called upon government officials to work on holidays and to stop all workshops and training programmes.

The meeting with Deputy Commissioner Abdul Bari in the chair and attended by among others Civil Surgeon and the police Superintendent discussed measures to contain the disease. Among others, district BNP Secretary Anisul Arefin Chowdhury, Awami League leader and Municipal Chairman Dewan Kamal Ahmed and Jammata-e-Islami Ameer

Mozammel Haq were present at the meeting.

The Divisional Commissioner urged NGOs to postpone realisation of instalments of their loans from poor clients in view of the situation.

In the last 48 hours ending at noon yesterday, two more people were killed and 2000 attacked with the disease in the six upazilas in the district.

The dead are Ranjoli Rani Roy, 28, of Shalhati village in Nautara union under Dimla upazila and Aleya Begum, 38, of Pathan Para village in Kektibari union under Damer upazila.

At least 500 patients were treated in the six upazila health complexes and the Sadar Hospital. This correspondent saw patients were being treated on rickshaw vans and on open spaces outside the hospitals as even corridors were packed with patients.

With this, the death toll from the disease is 29 officially and 40 unofficially.

Md Robbani, an official in-charge of the district control room said yesterday that the special three-member team from IEDC, Dhaka, headed by Shafiqur Rahman, collected samples of stool from patients and sent those to Dhaka for culture.

Two more treatment camps have been opened in two villages. Five more diarrhoea wards were opened at five upazilas health complexes earlier.

Earlier, a medical team from Dhaka headed by Dr Nuruzzaman

said that intake unclean food, impure drinking water, coupled with malnutrition and poor sanitation were the main reasons for spread of diarrhoea.

Sources including political leaders talking to his correspon-

dent said mere supply of saline and medicine is not enough to contain the disease. The government should immediately start supplying food in the affected areas, they said.



A man brings his diarrhoea attacked child to the Nilphamari Sadar Hospital for treatment. The pictures were taken at noon yesterday.

Bagerhat tense after JCD attack on Shibir office

Police guard party offices, Jamaat fears setback in alliance ties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Tension is running high at Bagerhat town following an armed attack on Islami Chhatra Shibir office allegedly by activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Thursday evening.

Armed policemen are guarding offices of Jamaat-e-Islami, Shibir, BNP and JCD.

At least seven Shibir activists were injured in the attack that also damaged their office. The injured are undergoing treatment at a local clinic.

Two Shibir activists - Wahid and Mizan - were abducted, Shajahan Tarik, president of Bagerhat district ICS, claimed.

The attackers were armed with iron rods, clubs and hammers.

The attack came when a meeting was going on at the Shibir office at about 7-30 pm on Thursday.

The attackers stormed into the office, ransacked it and beat all

leaders and activists inside, the ICS president claimed. The injured are city ICS President A Razzak, secretary Mohammad Ibrahim, Saiful Islam, Zahidul, Muhiyullah, Parvez and Mohammad Ali.

Shibir activists claimed that the attackers were led by Baig Shamim Hasan, general secretary of Bagerhat district JCD. It was made as JCD activists failed to abduct Shajahan Tarik.

They also alleged that police took more than an hour to reach spot which is about 200 yards from Bagerhat Sadar thana.

When contacted, Baig Shamim Hasan refuted the allegation of his party's involvement in the incident.

Shajahan Tarik claimed that Thursday's incident was continuation of such attacks after the recent P C College Students' Union election. Shibir swept the election but results are withheld as two ballot boxes were snatched by JCD cad-

res, he claimed.

Amir of district Jamaat-e-Islami Mufti Abdus Sattar MP, General Secretary Moulana Rezaul Karim, Nayb-e-Amir Gazi Abu Bakar Siddiqui and Moulana Abul Kashem have strongly condemned the attack and demanded arrest of attackers. Otherwise, the BNP-Jamaat alliance will be severely strained, they warned.

Bagerhat district BNP President M A H Selim MP also denied JCD's alleged involvement in the incident.

Selim, also district conveyor of the four-party liaison committee, is in Bagerhat since Tuesday last but is get to visit the damaged Shibir office and its injured leaders and activists.

No case was filed till Friday evening as efforts were going on to resolve the matter, sources in the parties said.



PHOTO: STAR

The Manikganj district unit of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal brought out a procession in the town recently demanding cancellation of the newly formed district committee.

Cancel new dist body, demand Manikganj Jubo Dal men

A CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Hundreds of activists of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth wing of the ruling BNP, have been continuing their movement for cancellation of their new district unit committee, formed in a council session held on September 23 and for formation of a convening committee.

They brought out a procession on September 20 demanding cancellation of the September 23 council. They organised a protest meeting on September 21 in front of Manikganj Press Club where they termed the council "illegal" and "more partisan".

Former president of Manikganj district unit of Jubo Dal Maksudur Rahman Makul presided over the meeting while it was addressed, among others, by former Jubo Dal secretary Iqbal Ahmed Mukta, Kamrul Hasan Khokon, former JCD Manikganj district unit presidents Mahub Hossain, Golam Kibria Sayeed, Abdul Awal, Tojammel Haque, incumbent president of JCD Golam Abedin Kayser, joint secretary Mustafizur Rahman Prince.

They said that the council organisers formed pocket committees without holding upazila council.

However, the council of the district Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal was held on September 23 where many BNP leaders and three local law makers were absent.

The councillors elected Motalab Hossain and ASM Iqbal Hossain president and secretary.

The council was held after seven years at Manikganj Government Boys High School play ground.

In Manikganj district there are four BNP law makers, but only chief whip of Jatiya Sangsad Advocate Khondaker Delwar Hossain attended the council.

Processions were held on September 25 and September 30 demanding cancellation of the newly formed committee.

Among others, former vice president of central unit of JCD Kazi Rayhan Uddin Tuku, GM Rafi Apu, Riuz Mahmud Harez, Saifur Rahman Linkon, Abdul Matin Biswas, Arif Hossain addressed.

Girl rescued after 5 days, kidnapper arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A 12-year-old schoolgirl who was abducted from Daulatpur upazila five days ago was rescued in a critical condition on Thursday from a house at Baruipara in Mirpur upazila.

The abductor, identified as Rahidul Islam, son of Alimuddin in the area was also arrested from there.

Police and doctors told this correspondent that the victim, a student of class six of Dangmarka High School in Daulatpur, was undergoing treatment at Kushtia General Hospital. She sustained serious injuries after being raped by the abductor for four consecutive days.

According to police and witnesses, the girl was forcibly picked up by Rahidul at about 3pm on September 27 while she was returning home from school.

The victim's father filed a case

with Daulatpur police station accusing Rahidul.

Police produced the kidnapper-rapist before the court from where he was sent to jail.

'Criminal' shot dead by rivals

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An alleged criminal was gunned down by rivals at Fatikchhari on Friday.

Moslem Uddin, 31, was called out of his house at Dinejuri at about 3pm and shot dead.

Sources said Moslem was an alleged criminal and came home recently after remaining absconding for long.

Moslem's two brothers were also gunned down by rivals about three years back, they said.

However, police could not confirm the murder.