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The Coordinating Committee for Curbing Noise Pollution took out a procession in the city yesterday to mark its first founding anniversary.

Criminals shoot R & H staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Roads and Highways (R&H) Department staff was shot and injured at Dakkhinpar in Gulshan yesterday for his stand against local criminals.

Four armed youths shot Belayet Hossain, assistant foreman of the R&HD and general secretary of local Santras Nirmul Committee (a citizens' committee against crime), twice when he was bathing near his R&H staff quarters residence at about 8:30am.

Belayet is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition with bullet wounds in his chest and back, hospital sources said.

"Three brothers, Mona, Babu

and Rajib and their friend Ripon shot my father from the rooftop of our house," victim's son Redwan Hossain alleged.

Earlier, gang leader Shaheen and his associates threatened to kill Belayet, also acting president of the R&H Workers' Union.

The same gang had gunned down Abdul Malek, a freedom fighter and a leader of Santras Nirmul Committee, a few days after its formation about 18 months ago, locals said.

Since then the committee helped police arrest 15 criminals, they added.

Police failed to arrest anybody and no case was filed till writing of this report at 7:15pm.

2 alleged PBCP activists held

Ammunition, leaflets recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two alleged members of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) were arrested with ammunition from city's north Shyamoli under Mohammadpur Police Station in the early hours of yesterday.

The arrested are Raju, 25, and his wife Maksuda, 19, who confessed to being members of the PBCP's Jonojodha (combatant) wing, police said.

The couple was arrested from their fourth-floor residence at 201/1, West Agargaon when police raided the house following a tip-off that a top PBCP leader Tapan Mahmud alias Dada Tapan was hiding there.

Police recovered 21 rounds of Chinese rifle bullets from their possession and also confiscated PBCP literature including posters, leaflets and books found elsewhere in the house.

According to the couple's confessional statement, top PBCP leaders frequented the house from where Dada Tapan coordinated activities of the outlawed organisation.

A sedition case and another case under the arms act were filed against the arrested.

The couple was produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday with a petition for a seven-day remand.

Bus boycott for BRTC service in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The people of Jaintapur, Gowainghat and Kanaighat upazilas yesterday started a three-day boycott of buses and minibuses to press for resumption of the BRTC bus service on Sylhet-Tamabil-Jafflong route.

The boycott was enforced by the Brihattar Jainta Samannoi Samity at a rally held at Jaintapur upazila headquarters on October 8.

Former upazila chairman of Jaintapur Sirajuddin Ahmed chaired the meeting attended by the locals and leaders of all political parties from the three upazila.

The organisers said they will enforce tougher programmes like hartal and wildcat strike if the demand was not met by Wednesday.

Former upazila and UP chairmen of the region handed over a memorandum to the deputy commissioner

(DC) of Sylhet on October 11. The DC assured them of taking measures.

The BRTC (Bangladesh Road Transport Authority) service from Sylhet Railway Station on four routes was launched on September 10.

But the district administration stopped the service on Sylhet-Tamabil-Jafflong route second week into the launch in the face of resistance from the transport owners and workers associations.

Urs Mubarak

The annual Urs Mubarak of Shamsul Ulema Hazrat Moulana Saifullah (R A) will be held at 78 Shantinagar in the city tomorrow, says a press release.

On this occasion, Quran telewat and doa mahfil will be held. It will be followed by distribution of tobaruk.