



Classmates trying to comfort two girls after they fainted at Sabdalpur High School on Tuesday.

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'No more lower wage for same work'  
Satkhira women protest gender discrimination

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Women at a remote village in Satkhira raised voices against gender discrimination and protested lower wages than men for same work.

About 300 women joined a view-exchange meeting at Dhulihar village in the Sadar upazila with a slogan 'no more half wage for same work'.

Organised by Dhulihar-Brahmarajpur Sarbik Manab Unnayan Sangathan, a local association, this was the first such programme held in Satkhira rural areas.

The meeting on 'gender equity and development' was held at Dhulihar Union Parishad auditorium with its president Shakhina Khatun in the chair. The programme was assisted by CARIAS, an NGO.

Local body leaders, teachers, members of the elite and some journalists were also present at the meeting.

The speakers urged the government to formulate a pragmatic and effective policy to remove gender discrimination in jobs and payments for other works. Women's empowerment is not possible unless discrimination is eliminated, they said.

They also called for a change in the attitude of the society in this regard.

## Mysterious disease kills schoolboy 12 girls attacked in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

A mysterious disease killed a schoolboy and attacked 12 girls at Sabdalpur High School in Sreepur upazila in Magura district.

The 12 girls are now improving at Magura Sadar Hospital, doctors said yesterday.

On Tuesday, 13 year-old Sujit Mandal of Malaynagar village, a student of class six, suddenly fainted in the classroom and developed breathing problem. He died in about three hours while being taken to hospital.

Twelve girls in the school fell sick, showing the same symptoms yesterday and the day before. They were rushed to Magura Sadar Hospital. They are Rizia 13, Lima 13, Naznin 15, Mita 13, Swapna 14, Sarna 13, Shiphu 14, Lina 13, Afreen 14, Farzana 13, Kabari 14 and Lucky 14.

School authorities and doctors in the area said all the girls devel-

oped breathing problem after being fainted. The doctors however, could not detect the cause.

Medical Officer Amar Proshad at Magura hospital told this correspondent that although the disease could not be identified, application of sedative drugs showed good result in their treatment.

When contacted yesterday, Magura civil surgeon said he along with Sreepur Upazila Nirbahi Officer and Officer-in-Charge of Sreepur thana visited the school yesterday but found nothing to identify the disease.

There has not been any fresh attack, he said yesterday afternoon. A temporary medical camp has been set up at the upazila head-quarter under the supervision of Sreepur Upazila Health Officer Kazi Rezaul Haque, he said.

The Director General of Health Services has been informed but an expert team is yet to be sought, the civil surgeon said.

## RU pro-Jamaat teachers' removal demanded

RU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) yesterday staged separate demonstrations on the Rajshahi University (RU) campus demanding immediate removal of two 'controversial' pro-Jamaat teachers.

The teachers are former Shibir leader Shahal Uddin and pro-Jamaat Abdur Rahim Sagar of the Department of Law and Justice.

RU Syndicate appointed Shahal Uddin a teacher in face of threats of Jamaat-backed teachers while Jamaat-loyal 'controversial' teacher Abdur Rahim Sagar

misappropriated money of the admission test by forging signature of a departmental employee.

A probe committee found Sagar guilty and suggested punitive action against him. But the department did not take any action against him.

Leaders of the two student organisations met Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof. Altaf Hossain at his office separately and demanded immediate cancellation of appointments of the two teachers for greater interest of the university.

BCL also held a meeting in front of the central library where its leaders blamed the BNP/Jamaat government for politicisation in all departments of the university.

They threatened a tougher agitation against the university authorities if their demands are not met immediately.

Earlier, RU Syndicate appointed seven teachers in the Department of Law and Justice ignoring recommendations of its planning committee and a decision of the university selection board.

## Samo Adhiker demands removal of Moniswapan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Samo Adhiker Andolon, an organisation agitating for establishment of equal rights of Bengali settlers in CHT, in a press statement issued here on Tuesday, demanded immediate removal and punishment to CHT Affairs Minister Moniswapan Dewan for his criminal activities.

The press statement was jointly signed by Samo Adhiker Andolon president Abu Yusuf Chowdhury and secretary Mostafizur Rahman Millat respectively.

The statement said the minister has damaged the image of the present government by stopping legal procedure of the Land Commission. As a result, many people were deprived of their land rights, it said.

## Dog saves baby from jackal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

A street dog saved a baby boy from a jackal's clutches at Lahuria village in Lohagara upazila in Narail district in the early hours of yesterday.

The injured boy was admitted to a clinic in Magura town.

A jackal sneaked into the house of farmer Tahajjat Ali at around 3:15 am and dragged his two and half-year-old sleeping son Sajib to a fallow land behind the house.

Hearing the baby's cry, a stray dog rushed there and attacked the jackal. The jackal fled the scene leaving the boy injured.

Hearing the dog's barking, Tahajjat woke up and found his son not on the bed. He and his wife came out and to their disbelief saw the dog guarding their injured child.

## ANIMAL FEED FOR RAJSHAH PRISONERS Jail super stand-released, sent to Lalmonirhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The acting deputy inspector general and senior superintendent of Rajshahi Divisional Central Jail Rezaul Karim was stand-released and transferred to Lalmonirhat district jail yesterday for alleged irregularities and corruption in the jail.

The action followed a home ministry directive following recommendations by the Inspector General of Prisons, a day after 132 sacks of rotten and putrid anchor pulse were recovered from the jail.

godown. Anchor, an animal feed, was used to prepare food for prisoners.

Senior Superintendent of Satkhira jail was transferred to Rajshahi Central Jail while Lalmonirhat jail superintendent was sent to Satkhira, official sources said here yesterday.

A three-member probe team headed by the Additional IG (prison) recovered 132 sacks of substandard anchor pulse from the jail godown on Monday.

Additional IG (prison) Col. Sirajul Karim said that Senior Jail

Superintendent Rezaul Karim, Jailor Sirajul Islam and contractor Abul Hoissain who supplied the pulse were found guilty during investigation and punitive steps against them are underway.

The 132 sacks of anchor were however returned to contractor Abul Hossain. The jail authorities asked him to supply fresh Masur pulse within two days as per the deal.

Abul Hossain took delivery of the anchor and tried to sell those in the city market, sources said.

## EXTORTIONISTS DEMAND TK 5 LAKH College principal, wife face death threat in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Outlaws belonging to PBCP Janajuddho faction has demanded Tk five lakh as toll from Prof. Saidul Hasan, principal of Daulatpur Government BL University College.

They have threatened to kill him and his wife Prof. Masura Rahman if they fail to pay the toll by 11 pm Wednesday.

Principal Saidul Hasan filed two separate general diaries Tuesday night with Daulatpur and Khulna police stations seeking security of his life and life of his wife and children.

Principal Saidul Hasan said operatives of PBCP Janajuddho are threatening him and his wife with death. They started giving death threats over land and cell phones from 6 pm Tuesday.

"I received death threats twice at 8.15am and 8.30 am today for

delaying in paying the toll", he told this correspondent yesterday.

"They have set 11 pm today (Wednesday) as deadline to pay it or get ready for death anytime thereafter", the principal stated in his GDs. Police said he was provided with security during movement from his residence at Moulavipara under Khulna thana to college office at Daulatpur.

Similar security has been arranged for his wife Masura Rahman who is an assistant professor of geography in Khulna Government MM City College.

Meanwhile, teachers BL College have expressed their grave concern over frequent death threats to Prof. Saidul Hasan by extremists since Tuesday evening.

They have appealed to the police commissioner to arrest the extremists.

## Runty tea garden reopens

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Rutna Tea Garden in Juri upazila in Moulvibazar district has been reopened after two and a half years' closure and labourers and other garden staff have joined work, sources said.

Earlier, two separate agreements were signed. A trilateral agreement was signed among garden owners, labourers' representative and the district administration. Moulvibazar Additional Deputy Commissioner (revenue) Ayatullah Majumdar signed the agreement on behalf of the administration.

Later, another bilateral agreement was signed between owners and labourers' representative.

Abdullah Sarkar, president of Samajtantrik Sramik Front, Deputy Commissioner Md. Eunosur Rahman, Additional Deputy Commissioner (revenue) Ayatullah Majumdar, Police Superintendent Md. Mokles-ur-Rahman and other officials of the administration were present at the garden when its authorities ceremonially resumed activities.

## KISHOREGANJ AUG 17 BLASTS Charge framing deferred again

### Accused could not be produced in court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Charge in the August 17 bomb blast case in Kishoreganj could not be framed yesterday as Jamaatul Mujadideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Shaikh Abdur Rahman, its second in command Siddiqul Islam alias Bangla Bhai and cadre Obaidullah Sumon could not be produced before the court.

Earlier the charge framing was deferred twice as the three, accused in the case, could not be produced before the court.

The three were scheduled to be produced before the court of District and Session Judge Bhabani Proshad Singha. But police could not produce them.

## 14 pass Dakhil without exam in Chandpur!

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Fourteen students passed Dakhil examination without appearing at the examination this year, held under Comilla Board.

All of them appeared from Faridganj Alia Madrasa centre. Their roll numbers are 234733, 234744, 234941, 234943, 234957, 235229, 235236, 235237, 235239, 235241, 235281, 234766, 234912 and 234910.

The irregularity was detected last week when it was alleged that seven students who did not come to the centre at all passed the

Dakhil examination. The allegation was found correct after checking records.

A general diary was recorded with Faridganj police by secretary of the examination centre Maulana Sultan Ahmed. He also informed the Upazila Nirbahi Officer and relevant officials in the education board.

On investigation it was revealed that the forgery was done by fourteen students who got their answer scripts written outside and later those were tucked along with other scripts.

Of the fourteen students, five got F grade, two B grade and the rest got C grade. Two of them were students of Faridganj Alia Madrasa, two of Horni Durgapur Madrasa, six of Puran Rampur Madrasa, two of Shahpur Madrasa and one each of Alonia Madrasa Madrasa and Ali Noor Madrasa.

Meanwhile, Faridganj UNO informed Chandpur Deputy Commissioner about the matter.

An team from Bangladesh Madrasa Board also probed the matter, sources said.

All the fourteen students are now absconding, the sources said.



Unabated erosion by the mighty Jamuna displaced several hundred families in five upazilas of Sirajganj district in about a fortnight. The photo was taken from Shailabari in the Sadar upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

## Kendua BNP council held amid boycott by a faction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Council of Kendua upazila BNP was held on Tuesday with a faction in the unit boycotting it.

The council was held at Joyhori High School premises in Kendua town in the face of opposition by a rival faction.

Kendua upazila BNP in Netrakona district is divided into two groups, one led by local lawmaker Begum Khadiza Amin and the other by Rafiqul Islam Hilali, central leader of Juba Dal, BNP's youth front.

On Monday, the faction led by Hialli brought out a big procession and held a party rally in Netrakona town demanding cancellation of the scheduled conference and urging BNP chairperson Khaleida Zia and secretary general Abdul Mannan Buiyan to intervene. They alleged that local MP Begum Khadiza Amin formed party committees at unions by people of her choice and violating democratic norms.

They later claimed that Tuesday's council was poorly attended.

Netrakona BNP secretary Mahfuzul Haque and organising secretary Nazrul Islam Khan opposed holding of the council and did not attend it, they claimed.

However, at the council, Netrakona BNP president M A Karim Abbasi MP declared a 71-member committee of Kendua upazila BNP with Nazmul Haque Kachi as its president and Delwar Hossen Buiyan as secretary.

## SEC 144 IN KANSAT BNP-Jamaat bid for rally foiled again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

BNP lawmaker Shahjahan Mia postponed his public meeting at Kansat for the second time yesterday due to resistance by villagers under the banner of Pally Bidyut Unnayan Sangram Parishad (PBUSP).

Official sources said, Section 144 was clamped Tuesday evening at Shayampur Chama field where both the feuding groups called meetings.

The BNP-Jamaat alliance first called the meeting at Kansat on the plea of inaugurating Kansat College development work.

The PBUSP also called a meeting at the same place at the same

time. Hundreds of people also staged demonstrations in Kansat and Shayampur areas protesting holding of the BNP meeting.

Shahjahan Mia later postponed the meeting to avoid violence, said sources in BNP and Jamaat in Shibganj.

Earlier, another meeting called by BNP was also thwarted on June 6.

Shahjahan Mia, who is blamed for the death of 17 villagers in police firing in the area few months ago, could not visit the villages since the incidents.

AS parliamentary election is nearing, Shahjahan is trying to hold meeting in the area to secure nomination, sources said.

## Supporters of municipal chairman, commissioners clash: 65 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

At least 65 people including pedestrians were injured, six of them critically, in a clash between supporters of municipality chairman and wards commissioners in Sirajganj town yesterday.

Of the injured, 35 were taken to the Sadar Hospital while the rest were admitted to different clinics in the town. Condition of six of the injured is critical, hospital sources said.

The municipality office was attacked and at least 15 houses and five shops were damaged during the clash that broke in the Chowrasta intersection and spilled over to nearby areas, police said.

Police were deployed at different points in the town as tension mounted.

According to Sadar thana police and pourashava sources, some 12 ward commissioners of Sirajganj municipality submitted a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner protesting alleged corruption, mismanagement and irregularities done by Municipality chairman Nur-e-Alam Helal.

Following this, supporters of Helal brought out a procession in the town against the ward commissioners and chanted slogans against them, which was opposed by supporters of the 12 ward commissioners.

Both sides used lethal weapons during the clash, police and witnesses said.

Police from the Sadar thana with reinforcement from Kandapara police line brought the situation under control.

Police fired two rubber bullets and four tear gas shells to disperse the clashing men.

Sources in the municipal office said Helal and the 12 ward commissioners were at odds for long over distribution of pourasava development work.

## Documents lost from Bogra BRTA office


STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Documents of hundreds of driving licenses were lost or damaged from the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) office here due to lake of proper preservation and maintenance, officials said.

Meanwhile, the official activities are being hampered at the office due to shortage of manpower and lack of accommodation. This has resulted in sufferings of hundreds of vehicle owners.

Sources said, the official work of BRTA began in a small room of the old court building here in 1989 aiming at meeting the requirements of vehicle owners of Bogra, Naogaon and Joypurhat districts.

BRTA inspector Abdul Hannan said that they had no office building of their own for the last 15 years. He said only three staffers are working against requirement 21.



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