

Addl PS at Bagmara demanded

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Locals yesterday observed a day long hartal at six union councils at Hat Gangopara under Bagmara upazila here demanding a full-fledged police station (PS) instead of a police investigation centre.

Several hundreds of people and professionals under the banner of Thana Bastobayan Committee staged demonstrations blocking all road communications with the upazila.

All schools, colleges, offices and banks remained closed during the hartal hours.

They brought out processions and held a rally presided by the Committee Convener Ashraful Islam. Akhtaruzzaman, Abu Taher, Abdul Aziz, Zahangir Kabir, Muhammad Ali and Mujibur Rahman, among others, spoke at the rally.

The speakers said, Bagmara is a big upazila of 16 unions and 2 municipalities and maintaining law and order is quite difficult for only one police station.

Besides, they pleaded that most of the times the policemen remain busy with the incidents of eastern Bagmara region that is crammed with outlaws and militants. Two BNP lawmakers promised for a separate police station, but did not keep their promises in last ten years, they complained.

They announced that BNP candidates will not be allowed to campaign ahead of the upcoming election if they do not establish a full-fledged PS within two months.

Ruet students boycott class

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Second year students of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) yesterday boycotted their scheduled classes and examinations in protest against the attack on general students by armed cadres of Islamic Chhatra Shibir on Saturday night.

Around 60 to 70 Shibir activists

led by RU ICS President Mahbub Alam Salehi attacked the students of Shahidul Haque Hall injuring 25 students including 10 Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists.

The attack was in retaliation for putting up posters on the walls against Salehi who is a key suspect of murdering RU Geology and Mining department teacher Prof Taher Ahmed at his campus residence on February 1.

