

SNAPS

2 Hill Students Council leaders hurt in clash
A RU CORRESPONDENT
Two leaders of Hill Students Council (HSC), a body of Chittagong Hill Tracts students, were injured when rival groups clashed at Shah Mukdum Hall at Rajshahi University (RU) Monday night.
The victims are former HSC president Korno Kishor Chakma and its member Shilash Roy.
They were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. Rivalry between the incumbent and the former president of HSC was the reason for the clash, sources said.

Man with fake note held
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira
One person was arrested for possessing five forged notes of Tk 100 denomination from Madhaskasi bazaar in Sadar upazila on Monday evening.
Police said, Abdullah, son of Abdus Sattar of Chhoygharia village in Sadar upazila was caught by people at Madhabkali bazaar while trying to push a fake note of Tk 100 denomination to a shop owner after purchasing goods from the shop. Finding the note a fake one the shop owner cried for people's help who rushed there and caught him. Four other notes of Tk 100 denomination were also recovered from him. The mob beat up him and handed over to police.

4 RU JCD leaders hurt in clash

A RU CORRESPONDENT

Four Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders were injured when rival factions clashed and blasted cocktails over distribution of ifter at Bangabandhu Hall at Rajshahi University Monday evening.

The injured are RU JCD Joint Organising Secretary Masudur Rahman Rana, Education and Publication Secretary Mahfuzur Rahman and members Kabir Hossain and Ripon member.

The rooms of the hall provost and the JCD leader Mahfuz were also ransacked during the clashes and chase and counter-chase that continued several hours.

The iftar mahfil was organised on the occasion of the National Revolution and Solidarity Day, police said.

Death of stone quarry labourer: 5 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police have arrested five persons in connection with the killing of a labourer at Bholaganj stone quarry in Companyganj upazila.

They are Abul Kalam and his brother Abdus Salam, Al Amin, Abdul Ali and Manjil Miaah, all from Biswambharpur upazila.

They were produced in court on Sunday, which sent them to jail hajat.

32 SUST teachers to lose jobs

All overstaying abroad badly affecting academic activities

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet.

Thirty-two teachers of Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (SUST) will lose their jobs soon for unauthorised absence for long.

Among them, 10 have been served with termination letters.

Five others have been given letters as they voluntarily sought to be relieved from jobs.

Seven teachers were given 'final notice' asking them to join within a week and ten others were given 'notice' to join within a month.

Four teachers were asked to submit their MS certificate and proof of admission to Ph D courses. Otherwise, they would lose their jobs.

Sources said the SUST Syndicate took the decisions at its 106th meeting held on October 28 as the teachers concerned failed to join their duties long after expiry of their study leave while academic activities suffered badly.

All the teachers went abroad and are there for long without approval from the authorities.

The varsity had been suffering due to shortage of teachers.

Earlier, a four-member committee headed by Prof Habibul Ahsan was formed to suggest steps against the teachers. Other members of the committee were Prof Muhammad Jafar Iqbal, Prof Reza-e-Karim Khondaker and Registrar Jamil Ahmed Chowdhury.

The ten teachers already served with termination letters include Lecturer Aklima Ahmed Talukder of the Computer Science and Engineering, Assistant Professor Dr Md Mushfiqur Rahman and Lecturer Md Sarwar of Chemical Engineering and Polymer Science, Assistant Professor Shahin Ahmed of Industrial and Production Engineering, Assistant Professor Dr Afroza Shelly and Associate Professor Dr Ehsan Ahmed of Physics and Md Shahjalal Sarker of Statistics.

The five teachers who voluntarily sought to be relieved from jobs are Lecturer Saiful Afsar Al Mahmud of Computer Science and Engineering, Lecturer SM Rokanuzzaman and Lecturer Quazi Ashraful Haque of Chemical Engineering and Polymer Science, Assistant Professor Dr. Md.

Hili C & F agents call off strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The C & F Agents Association at Hili land port in Dinajpur has called off its indefinite strike.

The decision was taken after Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haq at a meeting on Tuesday assured the association leaders that their demands would be considered, sources said.

Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner Mia Mustaq Ahmed was also present at the meeting, held at the VIP lounge at Saidpur airport.

The C & F agents went on strike on November 5 protesting what they called harassment of some of their colleagues by BDR personnel at the port customs. The strike brought import-export to a standstill.

They are also demanding withdrawal of BDR personnel responsible for the harassment and end to harassment of truck drivers carrying export-import goods.

On November 5, some BDR personnel searched some trucks carrying Indian goods. The C&F Agents Association later alleged that some of its members were harassed during the search.

Moulvibazar tops Zakat Fund contributors

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Moulvibazar district tops the list for contributing the highest amount of money in Zakat Fund of the government.

This was disclosed at a meeting held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Moulvibazar recently.

Presided over by Motiur Rahman, Additional District Magistrate, Moulvibazar, the meeting was attended, among others, by Md Mukhlesur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal, Deputy Director of the Islamic Foundation and Abdul Mannan, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Kulaura upazila.

Moulvibazar district had contributed Tk One lakh and 15,000 to the Zakat Fund last year, this was informed at the meeting.

This year the target was fixed at Tk 2 lakh.

RAKUB confce

'Give loans to charland farmers'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A branch managers' conference of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Gaibandha region, was held at its regional office here on Tuesday.

Twenty-three branch managers from different areas of Gaibandha district took part in the conference. Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank Chairman Ruhul Kabir Rezvi and its Managing Director Dr Mujibur Rahman Khan were present as chief guest and special guest. The conference was presided over by Regional Manager Altaf Hossain.

Speaking on the occasion, the chairman ordered branch managers to give special attention to monga-stricken areas while giving loan to farmers in the ensuring Rabi season.

He also suggested disbursement of agriculture credit to farmers in Char lands after conducting a survey.

Two ship-breaking yard staff mugged in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Armed muggers looted cash and pay order money amounting to 25 lakh from two staffers of a ship-breaking yard at Sitakunda on Monday night.

Police said, accountant Abul Kalam Bhuiyan and another staffer of a ship-breaking yard were carrying TK 6 lakh in cash and TK 19 lakh in pay order to their city office from the yard in Kadamrasul area under Sitakunda thana.

Asoon as they reached near Kalu Shah Mazar, three armed muggers on board a taxi-cab intercepted their 4-stroke baby taxi at around 8.30 pm.

They looted the money at gun point and fled away on board the same taxi-cab.

Later police held one person named Azam, 35.

A case was also filed.

1,100 bottles of Phensidyl recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

About 1,100 bottles of Indian Phensidyl was seized from Darsana railway station on Sunday. Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized the smuggled Phensidyl bottles which were being carried by a van in five sacks. Smugglers were taking the contrabands to Damurhuda.

Rajshahi BNP leader murder Partymen divided on who is to blame

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Ruling BNP MP Abu Hena has urged police to probe the murder of district BNP leader Abdul Hamid impartially without any political influence.

Abdul Hamid, Rajshahi district BNP vice-president and former chairman of Jhikra Union Council in Bagmara upazila, was murdered in Ghospara in the city on November 9.

Abu Hena was addressing a condolence meeting at Bhabaniganj village in Bagmara.

He mentioned that the committee of Bagmara upazila BNP was formed unilaterally on September 27, giving rise to rift in the party.

An impartial probe will reveal whether the rift in the party had anything to do with the murder.

"If the incident is not probed properly, the city would be gripped by terrorism soon", Abu Hena said.

Political influence in the probe would be "dangerous for the city's law and order", he warned.

Following Abu Hena's address, Bagmara upazila BNP president Abdul Gafur left the meeting.

However, the city BNP unit at a meeting chaired by its president Saleh Uddin Baby blamed Workers Party leaders here for the murder.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu MP and city

BNP secretary Shafiquel Haque Milon also addressed the meeting.

Speakers at the meeting claimed that WP Politbureau member Fazleh Hossain Badsha 'controls' underground political activists in the region and demanded his arrest to find clue to the murder.

Badsha and the city unit of WP in separate press statements said the government failed to maintain law and order but the ruling party leaders are blaming opposition parties for this.

Meanwhile, police arrested Khwja Md Abdul Majid, a central leader of WP and Rajshahi district president of Bangladesh Krishak Samity and five of his family members in connection with the murder of Abdul Hamid.

Abdul Majid is chairman of Jhikra Union Council.

In the case filed in connection with Hamid's murder, it has been alleged that Abdul Majid is the Rajshahi 'regional leader' of Purbo Banglar Communist Party.

The five others arrested are Andul Majid's nephews Zahangir Alam Boltu and Rashed Kabir, cousins Zillur Rahman and Mojahar Ali Sardar and Jhikra Union Council member Shukur Ali.

Unidentified persons claiming themselves as members of PBGP through telephones calls at different

press clubs in the city claimed responsibility for Abdul Hamid's murder.

Jubo Dal activists loot shrimp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Activists of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth front of the ruling BNP were forced to leave a shrimp enclosure at Debhata which they allegedly occupied on Sunday.

The shrimp enclosure was owned by Bimal Kumar Mondal of Khalishatunia in Debhata upazila.

However, they 'looted' shrimp worth Tk one lakh from there.

A group led by Satkhira district Jubo Dal leader Abdul Kader attacked the staff of the enclosure. They forced them leave the enclosure at gun point.

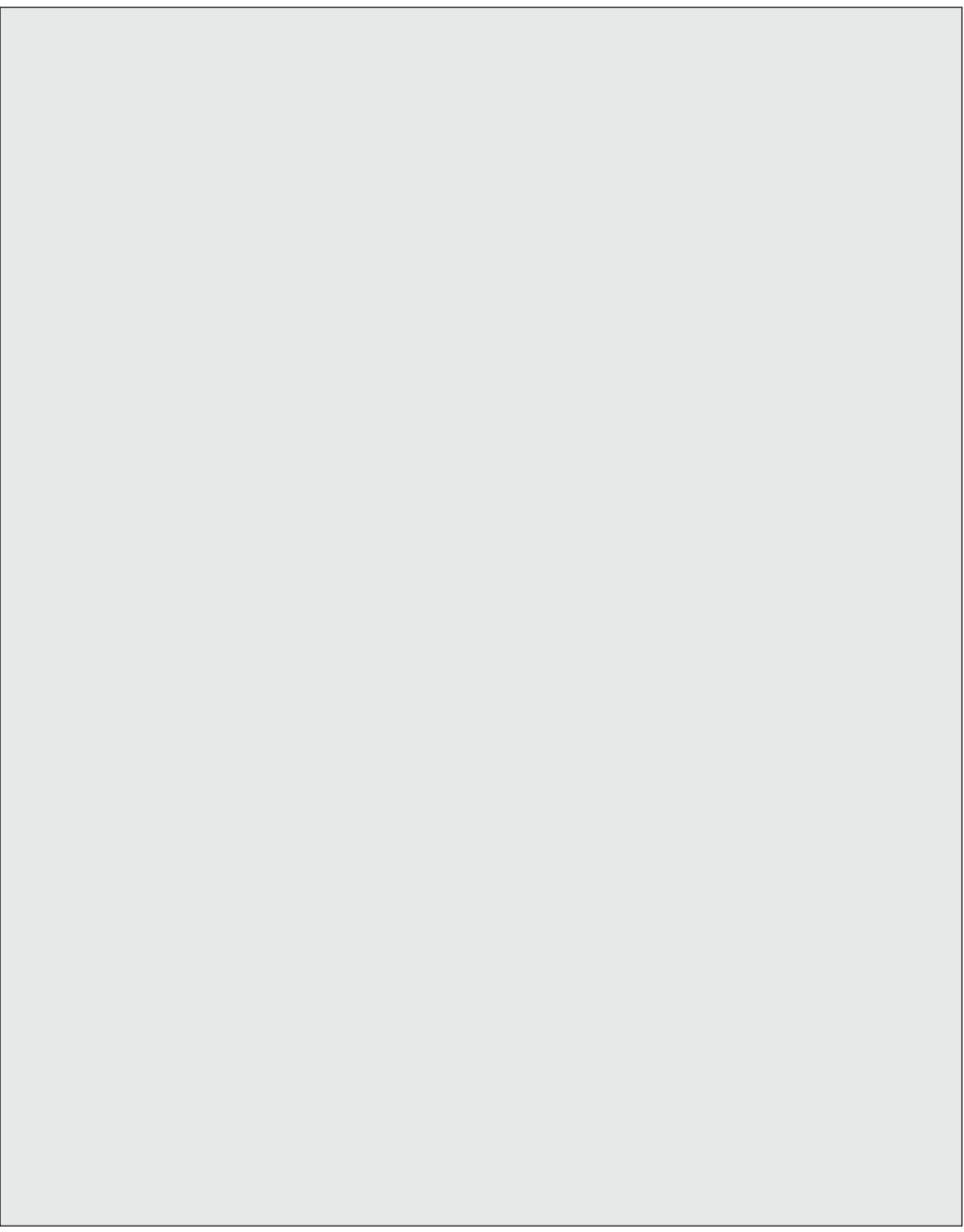
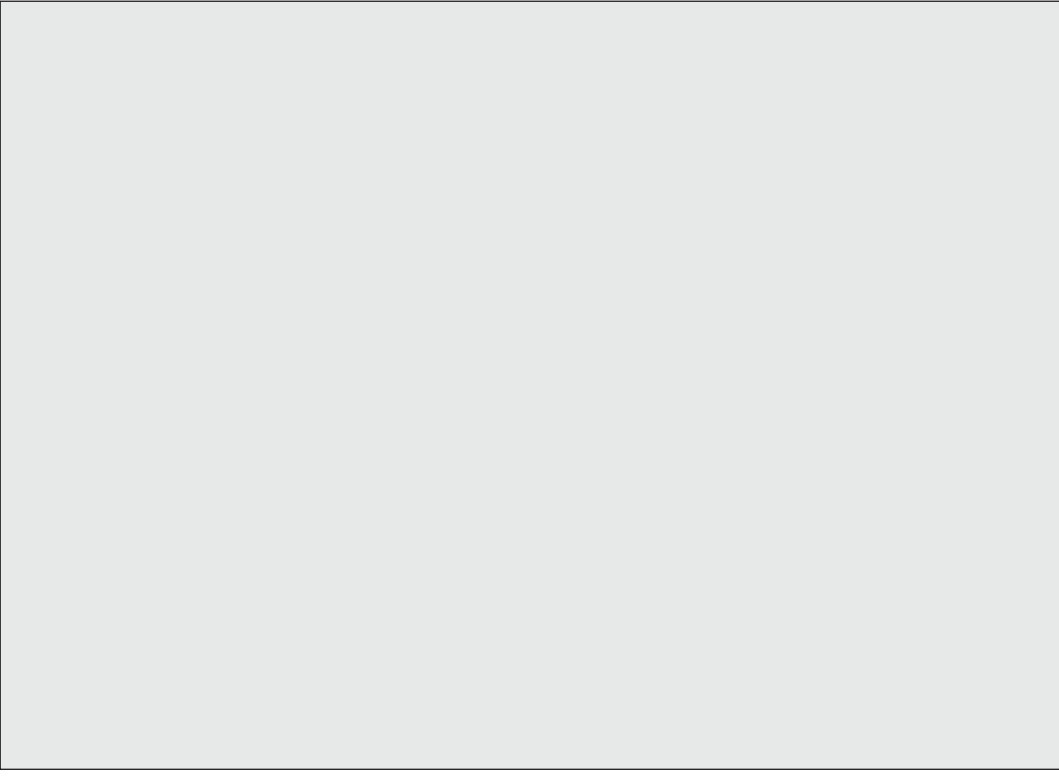
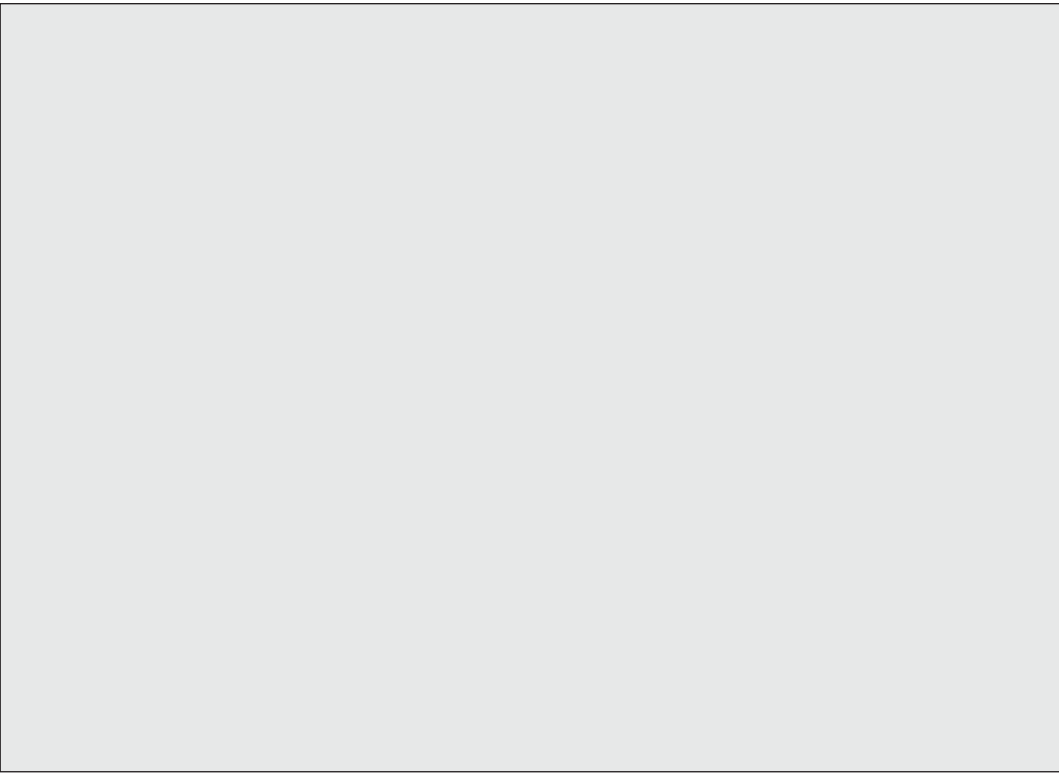
Bimal filed a case with Debhata on the same night. Police rushed to the spot at about 2:30 am, chased the miscreants away.

Police took control of the enclosure. An arbitration meeting was held on Monday at the office of the Assistant Police Super (ASP), Kaligonj circle but in vain. Police have been patrolling the shrimp enclosure area.



PHOTO: STAR

Primary school children participating at a consultation meeting on Quality Primary Education organised by Sabalambiy in collaboration with Commonwealth Education Fund (CEF) at its conference room in Netrakona recently. It was held as part of the six-month Sustainable Quality Primary Education Project which began in the district from July this year.



Dur-re Rahman's death condoled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The teachers and students of Rajnagar Degree College here have condoled the death of Begum Dur-re Samad Rahman, wife of Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman MP, and mother of M Naser Rahman MP.

A condolence meeting was held at the college auditorium on November 3 with Principal Md Quresh Khan in the chair.

While discussing the life and works of the diseased, they recalled various human aspects of her characteristics.

Vice Principal Professor Jilal Uddin, Professor Md Abdul Gafur, Professor Rajat Kanti Goswami, Professor Debotosh Chowdhury, Professor Ramananda Debnath and Professor AKM Emadatul Hoque spoke.

Shahabuddin Chowdhury, Poly Begum and Shakir Uddin addressed on behalf of the students.

The eldest son of the diseased M Naser Rahman, MP, happens to be the chairman of the governing body of the college.

Fire kills minor girl in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A three-year old girl was killed and an old man injured in a big fire in the Ashrayan project area at Goabarichar under Rupsha upazilla on Sunday night.

Seven kutchha and semi-pucca houses were gutted by the fire which originated from the oven of BRAC employee named Sirajul Fakir.

The dead identified as Mayuri is the only daughter of Sirajul Fakir while injured Intaz Ali, 70, is his father.