

BNP activists beat restaurant owner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling BNP activists allegedly beat a restaurant manager-cum-owner at Karwan Bazar when he refused to give them Tk 500 which they claimed to have paid a bearer to buy cigarette.

Injured Mahfuzur Rahman of Charulata Restaurant at Ambor Shah Masjid market said after the lunch one of them asked him to return Tk 500 without paying the bill. As he refused, they left the restaurant and came back again with about 10 to 15 people who started beating him indiscriminately. They also ransacked the hotel.

Of the attackers, Mahfuz identified two as Nasir and Azad, and said

most of them were BNP cadres of the area.

He was taken to a private clinic for treatment.

Talking to this correspondent, Kazimuddin, BNP vice-president of ward No. 39 denied the attack saying that rather they were handled by the hotel men.

He claimed that the bearers swooped on them injuring one Nasir Uddin Majumder, organising secretary of local Juba Dal unit.

Police rushed to the spot but no one was arrested.

Police killed 2 during Nandail poura polls: Probe report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A probe report yesterday accused police of killing two people during violence related to Nandail Municipal Corporation (NMC) polls on May 9.

Private legal aid organisations Ain O Shalis Kendro and Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust carried out the joint investigation, which was released yesterday.

To disperse a crowd, police opened fire on local people who were protesting law enforcers' alleged misbehaviour with a woman voter at Achargaon polling centre, the report said.

A police officer kicked Abu Taher, 40, trampled under people's feet, during the incident him and he died. Another teenage boy, 16, Sujon, was critically injured with bullet and he died at local hospital.

After the incident the police held at least 20 people including villagers, human rights activists and lawyers, the report said.

Following the incident most villagers specially males of two wards, 6 and 7, are on running to avoid police arrest as police administration has filed case accusing 300 to 400 local people of the violence, the probe report said.



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World Bank Country Director Christina Wallich called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday.

HEALTH PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Concerted efforts a must for effective implementation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop yesterday called for concerted efforts by the government and non-government organisations to make the health and nutrition programme for schoolchildren a success.

Coordination among the government and NGOs is a must for effective implementation of the health programme, they said.

Under the programme, the schoolchildren are provided with water and sanitation facilities and hygiene education.

The Health and Family Welfare Ministry and Save the Children-USA organised the workshop on 'School Health and Nutrition (SHN)' at the Brac Centre Inn at Mohakhali in the city.

The SHN programme has been proved a cost-effective way to promote education, health and nutrition services for the schoolchildren, said AFM Sarwar Kamal, secretary of the health ministry.

He assured that all the primary schools across the country would be brought under the SHN programme.

Edward Olney, country representative of Save the Children-USA, said educating a child about health and providing them with an

enabling environment is the foundation of a healthy society.

Dr Nizam Uddin Ahmed, director

Commemorative book launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A commemorative book on writer and columnist late Khondokar Mazharul Karim was launched at a ceremony marking his birth anniversary.

Professor Kabir Chowdhury launched the book at the programme organised by Khondokar Mazharul Karim Smrity Sangsad at the National Press Club in the city on Monday. Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui presided over the programme.

The programme started with the presentation of Tagore's song Aaguner Porosh Moni by Nilufar Banu Lily.

Later a discussion was held where the speakers recalled the contribution of the columnist.

"Through his writings and beliefs, Karim reached close to the progressive people," said Professor Kabir Chowdhury.

Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said, "Karim's writings can inspire people to fight against fundamentalism and other evil forces."

of Health and Nutrition Programme (HNP), delivered a keynote speech on HNP activities in Nasirnagar upazila, Brahmanbaria.

He said the HNP activities started in 2002 with health and nutrition service in 63 schools in the upazila, aiming to improve the health of schoolchildren.

At the same time, they have started providing health and sanitation facilities at community level in 72 villages, he added.

Dr Dipa Sen, project officer of School Sanitation and Hygiene Education Programme, Unicef, and Dr Golam Hossain, deputy programme manager of School Health Programme, presented papers at the workshop.

Shahina Akhter, programme officer of World Food Programme, also presented a paper on the School Feeding Programme (SFP).

Dr Dilu Ara Begum, additional director general of the directorate of health services, Fazlur Rahman, director general of the directorate of family planning, George John Komba Kono, medical officer of WHO, Dhaka office, and Kayode Oyegbite, chief, health and nutrition, Unicef, Dhaka office, also spoke.

Three outlaws lynched in Bagerhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Three outlaws of Janajuddho faction of Purbo Banglar Communist Party were lynched by angry crowds in Bagerhat district in the last three days.

Adhir Mandol, 30, also a listed criminal, was lynched by a mob at Chitalmari Bazar at around 7.30am yesterday, police said.

Two other extremists were lynched at Mollahat on Monday and Tuesday night. They are Ibadat Fakir and Ohid Mridha.

Police said Ohid was involved in most of the murders committed in Bagerhat district in the last three years.

Ibadat, 28, son of late Abdur Rashid Fakir of Khalpur village, was lynched by a mob at Harhidah Bazar when he went there to collect toll from a rice mill owner.

Half-day hartal observed in Badarganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangpur*

People of Badarganj observed a half-day hartal yesterday demanding arrest of those who illegally occupied a house at Kutubpur after attacking the family members residing in the house.

All shops and commercial establishments remained closed and all kinds of transports stayed off the roads during the eight-hour shutdown till 2.00pm.

Local people alleged that one Abul Kalam Azad and his son Lavlu Miah of village Nagerhat attacked the family members of Nibaran Mohanto and grabbed their house on Monday night.

Anjali Rani, wife of Mohanto, was seriously injured in the attack. She is now undergoing treatment at Badarganj Upazila Health Complex. However, police arrested Mohanto on the same night after the attackers lodged a case against him under Women and Child Repression Prevention Act.

The arrest of Mohanto prompted the people to call the hartal.

DHAKA TODAY

Cuban film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen three Cuban films titled 'Nothing More' (2001) by Juan Carlos Cremata, 'Strawberry and Chocolate' (1993) by Tomas Gutierrez Alea and 'Guantanamo' (1996) by Juan Carlos Tabio. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm, 5.15pm and 7.15pm.

Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen an Indian film titled 'Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam' (2000), and two American films titled 'Thirteen' (2003) and 'Vampires' (1975). Venue: Society auditorium, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Roundtable

Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) organises a roundtable on 'Socio-economic development and peace' with Advisor to foreign ministry Reaz Rahman as chief guest. Venue: BILIA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 11.00am.

BIBM seminar

A seminar on the 'Implications of financial globalisation for Bangladesh', organised by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), will be held. Venue: BIBM Bhaban, Mirpur. Time: 3.00pm.

Library inauguration

The Dhaka-based Chattagram Samity will inaugurate a library and distribute scholarship among 56 students. Venue: Chattagram Bhaban auditorium, 32 Topkhana Road. Time: 3.00pm.

Seminar

The Academy for A Better World organises a seminar on 'Exploring the inner powers by spirituality and human rights' with Justice Gour Gopal Saha as chief guest. Venue: Bholanadagiri Ashram premises, Tikatuli. Time: 6.30pm.

Hill Students' Council

Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Hill

Students' Council will hold a rally to mark its 15th founding anniversary. Venue: Swoparjita Swadhinata Chattar, Dhaka University. Time: 10.00am.

Rally

Dhaka University Debating Society organises a rally to mark the Third National Debate Festival. Venue: Teachers Students Centre. Time: 10.30am.

IDEB meeting

A two-day monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh will begin with a lecture by Prof. Abul Mansur Mohammad Abu Musa, director general of Bangla Academy. Venue: IDEB Bhaban, Kakrail. Time: 5.00pm.

Condolence meeting

The Jahangirnagar Economics Alumni Association will hold a condolence meeting in memory of Prof. Mofizuddin Ahmad who died on May 13. Venue: Public Library seminar room, Shahbagh. Time: 5.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Debate festival

The inaugural ceremony of Third National Debate Festival, organised by Dhaka University Debating Society, will be held with Information Minister M Shamsul Islam as chief guest. Venue: Teachers Students Centre. Time: 10.30am.

Drawing competition

Bangladesh Cancer Society organises a drawing competition for children to mark the World Tobacco-free Day with State Minister for Health Mizanur Rahman Sinha as chief guest. Venue: Fine Arts Institute premises. Time: 10.00am.

Get-together

Ex-students of Khulna Zila School organise a get-together. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.



Akhter Un Nabi passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Akhter Un Nabi, former president of Chittagong Press Club and Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ), passed away at Tata Memorial Hospital of Mumbai in India in the early hours of yesterday at the age of 60.

Nabi, also a writer and transcriber, left behind his wife, one son and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

His body is expected to arrive in Dhaka on Sunday afternoon and in Chittagong in the evening the same day.

He will be laid to rest at his family graveyard at Sitakunda. His namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Chittagong Press Club and at his village home.