

# Teachers, students tell the Daily Star RU violence result of neglect to student's security for long

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The Rajshahi University authority's indifference to students' demand for security at residential halls for long was the cause behind Saturday's violence on the campus, several senior teachers and student leaders said while talking to The Daily Star.

Meanwhile teachers and students continued protests demanding removal of RU Vice-chancellor Prof Fajzul Islam Faruki and Proctor Prof Shamsul Alam Sarker. They are also protesting inclusion in the probe committee of a teacher who was allegedly involved in the attacks on teachers students.

The violence damaged over Tk 1.5 crore property of the university according to preliminary estimate by the university authorities.

Entry of three youths into Taposhi Rabeya Hall that triggered Saturday's violence was not an isolated incident, Progressive Teachers Association Convenor Prof Entajul Haque said.

"RU authorities did never respond to students' repeated complaints of incidents of snatching and theft at halls", the senior Chemistry teacher said.

"How much negligence (of the authorities) the students will bear?" asked Zoology teacher Prof. Anada Kumar Shaha. "The violence was the result of accumulated dissatisfaction of students for long", he said.

RU Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) President Motiar Rahman

## Acting VC says he has videos to prove incidents were pre-planned by female leaders of left parties

said, "Crime incidents were regular at dormitories for male and female students but they even did not get the authorities' assurance of improvement of the situation".

"Such violence (Saturday's incident) would not have taken place had the authorities shown the slightest intention to improve the situation", said RU Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) President Rezaul Karim.

Karim said entry of outsiders into the campus resulted in the January 14 and 15 incidents that left one ICS worker killed and many hurt.

Activists of JCD and ICS, student bodies of ruling parties, had played roles against general students during Saturday's violence, but withdrew themselves after deployment of BDR and additional police.

Monira Islam Mony, Bangladesh Chhatra League leader at Rokeya Hall said at least a dozen memorandums were submitted to the hall and university authorities since 2001 for security of female students.

"Students at dormitories had long been seething with pent-up anger as the authorities only formed probe committees that never yielded any result", she said.

On October 17 night, thieves took away money and valuables worth Tk 10,000 from 12 rooms on the second and third floors of Rokeya Hall, sources said.

The girl students staged a demonstration on the campus next

morning demanding security at halls and submitted a memorandum to the VC. The angry students also confined Provost Dr Tahmina Alam at her office for some time but there was no action.

The Pro VC visited the hall and rescued the provost, assuring the students of steps for security.

On October 22, valuables and money were stolen from five rooms of Khaleida Zia Hall and three rooms of Munnujan Hall. The students blamed hall security guards and employees for this.

Even the halls are not secure during vacations. RU was closed sine die following the January 15 clashes. After the vacation, many students found their rooms unlocked and goods stolen, many students said.

Authority's version Acting VC Prof KHM Shahadat Hossain Mondol said, "The incidents of violence were preplanned by female leaders of left leaning student bodies".

Talking to The Daily Star, Mondol explained that some of the female leaders tried on several occasions in recent past to create chaos over incidents of theft but they failed.

"Drastic action will be taken against those female students who led to the creation of Saturday violence. We have recorded their actions in video cameras", he said.

Mondol found logic behind students' wrath but said their

demand for resignation of the Proctor and Tapashi Rabeya Hall provost were not justified.

RU register Prof Abdus Salam also believes that entry of outsiders should have been dealt with seriously earlier. He said lack of coordination between teachers and students was responsible for the violence.

"Students should not be unruly", he said.

Meanwhile many students these correspondents talked to said the seven-member probe committee headed by

Pro-Vice Chancellor KHM Shahadat Hossain Mondol will not be able to make an impartial investigation into the incident because it includes a teacher who was involved in the attacks. They alleged that Prof Jamaat teacher Abu Daud Hasan, a member of the probe body, was involvement in the attacks.

BCL central vice president Zahir Uddin Md Lipton, joint secretary Saifuzzaman Shekhor and Quamruzzaman Chanchal at press conference on Monday rejected the probe committee and demanded a judicial probe into the incident.

The students are also demanding removal of the controversially appointed employees who were allegedly involved in attacks on students and teachers during Saturday's violence.

At least 40 buses were damaged and offices at a dozen buildings were ransacked during the violence.

## Strike called off at RMCH

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Nurses along with third and fourth-class employees of Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) called off their strike Tuesday night following assurance of action against two JCD leaders for their alleged harassment of two nurses earlier.

Normalcy returned to the hospital yesterday after the strike was called off at 11 pm Tuesday after 48 hours.

It was alleged that Maruf Hasan, vice-president of RMC Student Council and intern Hira, both JCD leaders, had physically assaulted two staff nurses - Jannatul Ferdous and Emili Bantu - on November 30.

They complained to leaders of Bangladesh Diploma Nurses' Association at RMCH. The Association, joined third and fourth class employees, formed a committee on October 31.

They met the Acting Director of RMC and urged him to take action against the JCD leaders within twenty four hours. As no action was taken, they went on strike.

## An example to emulate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

The Jalalabad Samity in Brahmanbaria at a meeting here yesterday decided to donate the amount collected for its planned Ifar Mehfil, amounting to Tk 50,000, to the disabled in the district.

The Samity, formed in 1994, is an association of people from greater Sylhet district living and working in Brahmanbaria district.

The Ifar Mehfil was scheduled for on November 5 and arrangements were finalised. A community centre was hired and invitation cards were sent to guests.

When leaders of the Samity went to invite Brahmanbaria Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md Jahirul Haque, he (DC) informed them that the disabled in the district are passing days with hardship and appealed to them to help them.

Later, the leaders called an urgent meeting of the Samity members. With Advocate AKSamsuddin, president of the Samity in the chair, the meeting decided to postpone the gathering and donate Tk 50,000 collected for this for the welfare of the disabled. A cheque for the amount will be handed over to the DC.

Secretary of the Samity Abdul Matin Chowdhury, its members and ADM Banamali Bharnik were present at the meeting.

# Order to arrest Jessore DIG (Prisons)

## Attempted sexual abuse of jail warden

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Arrest warrant has been issued against DIG (Prisons) of Jessore Central Jail Sarder Abdus Salam for alleged attempted sexual harassment of a female jail warden.

Judge Nur Mohammad Moroi of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Court issue the arrest order on Tuesday after hearing the probe report submitted by the ADM on the case filed by jail warden Razia Sultana.

The court acquitted four other accused in the case and fixed November 28 for the next hearing.

Razia Sultana in her case alleged that the DIG made several attempts to sexually abuse her.

After filing of the case, the judge asked the Deputy Commissioner to arrange a probe into the matter. The DC asked ADM Belayet Hossain to inquire into the allegations of Razia Sultana.

The ADM probed the matter and submitted a report to the court on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner on October 31.

During investigation the ADM recorded evidences of 28 witnesses and found the allegations correct, court sources said.

After hearing the case, the judge ordered arrest of the DIG and acquitted four of his alleged accomplices. They are Habilder Abdul Khaleque and jail wardens

Bhaboranjhan, Badrul Alam and Siddiqur Rahman.

The complainant of the case, Razia Sultana, was present in the court during the hearing.

Earlier, 10 jail guards including Habilder Abdul Khaleque and jail warden Bhaboranjhan were suspended for assisting the DIG in his immoral activities, according to Acting Senior Superintendent of Jessore jail Magistrate bazlur Rahman. They were suspended after investigation.

The complainant also alleged that the DIG, with the help of some jail guards, used to call her often at his official with an evil motive.

Meanwhile the Bangladesh Human Rights Implementation Committee (BHRIC) here also said that its probe found that the DIG had made several abortive attempts to sexually abuse jail warden Razia Sultana. Its finding was disclosed by advocate M A Ansari, a member of the five-member BHRIC team that probed the allegation.



## Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha Notice for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Services Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works
2. Agency	Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha
3. Name of procuring entity	Chairman, Rajuk
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6. Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting Firm, Time Based
7. EOI Ref No.	02/2004-2005 (Uttara 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase)
8. Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	17/10/2004
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>	
9. Procurement Sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>	
10. Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Rajuk's own fund)
11. Development partner (if applicable)	Nil

## PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	
13. Project/Programme name (if applicable)	Constructions of Bridges
14. EOI closing date and time	10/11/2004

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15. Brief description of the assignment	Construction of 3 Numbers of Bridges. 1 (one) in Sonargaon Janapath in between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase across the existing lake, and rest of the 2 bridges over the lake in Uttara 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase. The bridges may be of RCC or Steel or Composite structure.
16. Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	The local firms of Bangladesh. Who have min 5 years of experience as consultant of different types of bridges in Bangladesh. Within this specified period of time the firm who was involved with at least 2 similar projects.

## Scope of works brief but not limited to:

- Survey Works,
- Geo-Technical Works,
- Environmental Considerations,
- Hydrological & Drainage Study,
- Transportation Network Study,
- Urban Planning Consideration.
- Architectural & Engineering Design,
- Bridge Design,
- Preparation of Tender Documents,
- Supervision of Construction Works.

17. Association with foreign firms is	Not encouraged
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>	
18. Name of the official inviting EOI	Eng Md Shahid Alam
19. Designation of the official inviting EOI	Chairman, Rajuk
20. Address of the official inviting EOI	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Rajuk Building
21. Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Project Director, Uttara 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase. Phone No: 9563605

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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Chairman  
Rajdhani Unnayan  
Kartipakkha



A newly emerged massive shoal in the Padma in front of Kurirhat ferry terminal. This is one of many shoals appearing on the Padma with fall in water level, obstructing movement of ferry boats and other vessels in different routes from Aricha and Nagarbari.

PHOTO: STAR

## Three killed in Jessore road accident

UNB, Jessore

Three persons were killed in a road accident at Jhautola on Monirampur-Nahalpur road on Tuesday night.

Witnesses said Nehalpur Union Parishad (UP) member Mashur Rahman along with his two associates - Nazmul Islam Babu, 30, and another unidentified aged about 32 - was returning home from Monirampur Bazar in a motorcycle at about 8:30pm.

When they reached Jhautola, a speedy truck dashed their bike, killing Mashur on the spot and injuring his two associates critically.

They were rushed to nearby Abhoynagar Upazila Health Complex where they succumbed to their injuries.

Locals caught the truck driver and handed him over to the police. Police seized the truck. A case was filed with Abhoynagar Police Station.

## 'Outlaw' leader lynched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A regional leader of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janauddha) was lynched on Monday night at Kakkashia village in Assasuni upazila.

The outlaw is Raisuddin Rais, 35, son of Ahmed Ali of Chentia village in Assasuni upazila.

A gang of outlaws went to extort Tk one lakh from the house of fish cultivator Rezaul Karim, according to police. When the family members cried for help, villagers rushed there and cordoned the house. As the gang tried to flee, villagers chased them and caught Rais. They beat and gouged out his two eyes. Later, he died and police recovered the body with a shutter gun and four rounds of bullets from the scene.

A case was filed in this regard.

## Removal of Khulna Civil Surgeon demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Eight third and fourth class employees working on master roll basis at Paikgachha Upazila Health Complex on Monday demanded immediate removal of the civil surgeon of Khulna by bringing a corruption charge against him.

While bringing the corruption charge at a press conference here, they alleged that Khulna Civil Surgeon Dr Jamal had violated his promises of appointing them on regular basis in the vacant posts although he took Tk 50,000 as bribe from each of them. They complained that Dr Jamal appointed eight other people in the vacant

posts taking bribe amounting to Tk 80,000 per head. They also demanded refund of their money which they gave him as bribe.

The victims told that they joined the hospital on November 5 last year as sweeper, garden keeper, security guard and ward boy. But they had been serving the hospital from the last one year on 'No work no pay basis.' They had been deprived of their wages for eight months.

On contact, the civil surgeon refuted the allegations brought against them saying the appointment letters were issued as per decision of a four-member board headed by Dr Shamsuddin Mandal, Director (Health) and in-charge of Khulna division.

## 65 hurt as villagers clash in Kushtia, B'baria

STAR NATIONAL DESK

At least 65 people were injured as villagers clashed in Kushtia and Brahmanbaria on Tuesday.

Our Kushtia Correspondent reports: At least 40 people including five women were injured in a clash over fishing in a government waterbody at Hosanabad village in Daulatpur upazila on Tuesday.

Police said the clash took place between people belonging to Mollah group and Sardar group in the village, who are rivals for long over influence in the area.

The clash ensued when some persons belonging to Sardar group resisted some people from fishing in the water body at about 9 am.

The clash continued for several hours till police on information

rushed there and controlled the violence.

Twenty-three of the injured including five women have been admitted to the local health complex and at Kushtia General Hospital.

Additional police have been deployed in the area.

Two separate cases were filed by the rival groups.

Our Brahmanbaria Correspondent Reports: At least 25 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups over a theft incident at Taragon village in Akhaura upazila.

Three of the injured were admitted to Akhaura health complex while the rest were treated there and at some private clinics.

On information, police went there and quelled the clash.

## SNAPS

### No-confidence against UP chairman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Akhaura South Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Md Shahjahan Khan faces no-confidence from 10 members of the UP for his alleged crimes. The UP members submitted a complaint to Akhaura Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Mezbah Uddin Chowdhury on Tuesday, according to UNO office sources. The allegations are misappropriation of 2.5 metric tonnes of VGF rice on October 29, Tk 20,000 against RCC pipe installation in 2002-03 fiscal, Tk 40,000 from tube-wells installation project, bridge construction and earth filling work, Tk 44,520 from sanitation project. On contact, the UNO informed that he would take action after an investigation in this regard.

### 2 fishermen abducted for ransom

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Two fishermen were allegedly abducted by pirates for ransom on Monday from Kachchikata canal in the Sundarbans. The fishermen are Abdul Aziz, 35, son of Malek Sardar and Milon, 10, son of Montez Gain of Harinagar village in Shyamuagar upazila. Abductors demanded ransom amounting to Tk 10,000 for each fisherman. The fishermen are now held hostage in deep forest near Pashurtala, according to police. The abductors set Thursday to be the deadline for payment of ransom. The fishermen will face 'the dire consequence' for non-payment of ransom, according to victim's relatives. Other fishermen Sabur, Sirajul Islam, 'hokon, Kalipada, Gopal and Aslam managed to escape from the scene.

## Shibir men cut tendons for keeping hotel open

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Some activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, cut tendons of hands of a person at Shakervita in Jamalpur Sadar upazila on Tuesday for keeping his restaurant open during day time in the holy month of Ramadan.

The incident triggered a clash between ICS activists and local people, in which the Jamaat office and several hotels and shops were damaged.

Angry people also attacked houses of some Jamaat leaders.

The hotel owner--Al-Amin-- has been admitted to Jamalpur General Hospital.

Police quelled the violence. A case was filed with Jamalpur Sadar police.

## Concern over attack on RU campus

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University Teachers' Association (CUTA) on Tuesday expressed deep concern over recent attack on students and teachers of Rajshahi University.

CUTA demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits.

Signatories to the statement are CUTA president Professor Dr Nurul Anwar and general secretary Professor Dr Gazi Saleh Uddin.