

'CONTROVERSY' FALLS ON DEAF EARS RU Syndicate sits today to okay appointments

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University (RU) Syndicate at a meeting today is likely to okay the process of recruitment of three teachers for Islamic History and Culture Department, ignoring objection by the departments' planning committee members.

A Selection Board will approve the proposed appointments at its meeting in the morning, which will be okayed by the Syndicate in the evening, sources said.

Today's Syndicate meeting may also approve appointment of 159 other employees, they said. The recruitment of three teachers is unnecessary as the department is over staffed and some of the teachers do not get the chance to take even one class in a month, the sources claimed.

Besides, the proposed appointment of teachers would violate the

University Act of 1973 that bars the Vice-chancellor to 'overrule' the decision of planning committee members, they said.

"The recruitment is being made only to get relatives of some influential teachers appointed," a senior teacher of the department told this correspondent yesterday.

One of the three teacher candidates—Zahar-e-Tasnim Nila—is the daughter of RU Teachers' Association President Prof Nazrul Islam, known as a pro-Jamaat man. Another candidate—Asiara Khatun—is the wife of local BNP leader, Chand Mia, the sources claimed. Another candidate—Yesmen Banu Shampa—is the daughter of Prof Ehsan Ali, a teacher of the department.

Five out of seven members of the department's planning committee objected to the proposed appointments, saying the department does

not need any more teacher now. They met the RU VC on August 8 and demanded cancellation of the recruitment process. They also submitted a memorandum to the VC earlier protesting the proposed recruitment.

The sources further claimed that many candidates for the post of teacher in the Islamic History and Culture Department did not get interview card for viva voce examination.

When contacted, chairman of Islamic History and Culture Department Prof ABM Shahajan said his department needs more teachers.

RU VC Prof Altaf Hossain, told this correspondent that there was 'nothing illegal' in the recruitment (in Islamic History and Culture Department).

The RU authorities have created 159 employees' posts while services of 544 employees recruited

earlier are yet to be confirmed. Sources claimed that most of the 159 people awaiting recruitment are relatives of teachers or local BNP leaders and that they would be taken in on political considerations. As the news spread on the campus that the Syndicate is going to approve appointment of more 159 employees, many of the 544 employees yesterday gather in front of administrative building and met RU VC and the Pro VC separately, demanding confirmation of their jobs.

Masud Mia, one of the 544 employees told newsmen yesterday that they would stage demonstrations in front of the administrative today for confirmation of their jobs. "We will resist the Syndicate decision at any cost", he said.

Mentionably, the 544 employees staged demonstrations earlier also for confirmation of their jobs.

Bullets seized, 3 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Army personnel recovered 72 bullets of 303 rifle from a Khagrachhari-bound bus from Rangamati and arrested three indigenous youths yesterday.

Tipped-off, the troops stopped the bus at a check post and recovered the bullets contained in a cartoon. The arrested youths have been handed over to police, army sources said.

SI suspended on charge of moral turpitude

A CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A police sub-inspector (SI) has been suspended on charge of developing relations with a woman taking the scope of investigating a case filed by her.

The action was taken SI Moshir Rahman of Sirajganj Sadar thana on orders from Sirajganj Police Superintendent Shahadat Hossain following filing of a complaint by her.

According to police sources, Rehana Parvin Moni, 20, of Railway Colony in the town filed a case against her husband for torturing her. SI Moshir, taking the scope of investigating the case, developed relations with her.

She then filed a complaint with higher authorities in police.



A mobile court examining food stuff at Shahida Mills in Rangpur town yesterday.

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3 held for selling adulterated spices in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A mobile court in a drive in Rangpur town yesterday arrested three persons on charge of selling adulterated food and spices.

The arrested persons are Zillur Rahman, owner of Miah Mills; Gonesh Ghosh, owner of Gonesh Mills and Enamul Haque Mirza, a

salesman of Sahida Mills.

Magistrate Siddiqur Rahman led the team comprising a contingent of police headed by sub-inspector (SI) Moazzem Hossain of Sadar police station.

During the drive, the Magistrate said the arrested persons were wholesale dealers of food and spice. They were engaged in selling

adulterated food and spice in markets in the town for long. He told journalists that the mobile court seized harmful chemicals which were mixed with spices in their mills.

The magistrate said a charge would be framed against the arrested persons for selling adulterated food and spice.



Fazle Hasan Abed, Chairman of BRAC Bank, inaugurated the bank's 14th branch at Momin Road in Chittagong city recently.

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10 hurt in JCD factional clash in Rangamati

Feud over funds for party function

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

At least 10 BNP activists were injured, one of them critically, as two factions clashed at an arbitration meeting, held at Kathaltoli party office Friday night, police and party sources said.

Critically injured JCD (Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal) activist Md. Moazzem was taken to Rangamati General Hospital with head injuries and then shifted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital in the same night as his condition deteriorated.

Nine others were treated at Rangamati hospital.

Party sources said the two groups had a brawl over share of money during its September 1 founding day celebration.

Friday night's arbitration meeting was called by Rangamati district BNP secretary M Zahir Ahmad, its town unit president Shah Alam and secretary Abu Bakkar.

At one stage, the rival JCD activists fell upon each other in presence of BNP leaders.

Police, called by some of the BNP leaders, brought the situation under control. Ekotwali thana OC Sirajul Islam told this correspondent yesterday.

Fully execute CEDAW Charter

Women rights activists demand in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Women rights activists in Barisal yesterday called for full implementation of the Charter of Convention on Elimination of all form of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Bangladesh is a signatory to the charter but it is yet to be fully implemented, they said at a press conference, held at Barisal NGO Development Network (BNDN) auditorium. The press conference was organised to mark adoption of the CEDAW Charter.

They said, among developing countries, Bangladesh played a commendable role in framing the CEDAW Charter and committed to

implement it fully.

But the government is yet to give legal effect Section 2 and part 1(F) of Section 16 of the Charter, they said.

The two clauses of the CEDAW Charter emphasises framing laws for elimination of all types of discrimination against women, ensures same gender status to man and woman in matrimonial relation and in divorce, they told the press conference.

The press conference was addressed by BNDN Secretary Ranjit Dutta and its Assistant Project Officer Sukumar Mitra; Moshrefa Mili, Project Officer of Samajik Uddukta Parishad (SUP), an NGO; its Secretary Saifur Rahman Miron

and Executive Director Suvankar Chakroborty; and Rafiza Parvin of Speed Trust, an NGO.

Representatives of Barisal Women's Lawyers Association and other women right activists also attended the press conference.

They said Bangladesh is a country where woman's rights are being violated. Most of the incidents of violence against woman in the country take place due to violation of their rights, only due to lack of appropriate laws and their proper implementation.

Full implementation of the CEDAW Charter would help reduce violence against women they said and urged the government to take immediate steps in this regard.

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