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Awami League (AL)-led 14-party opposition coalition yesterday observed their district election offices siege programme. Photos show (left to right) a procession in Dinajpur, a meeting in front of Barisal district election office, a rally near Chittagong district election office and a police-demonstrators scuffle in front of Nilphamari Collectorate building.

Move to weaken pry school teachers' strike protested in two districts

Meetings, processions held for realisation of 21-pt demand

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Government primary school teachers in Nilphamari and Moulvibazar districts continue their indefinite strike for the fourth consecutive day yesterday.

Our Nilphamari Correspondent reports: Teachers of government primary schools in the district have gone on an indefinite strike from Saturday demanding realisation of their 21-point demand including elimination of disparity in wage.

Following the strike, classes are suspended in all the schools and the strikers are holding meetings and processions every day.

The strike is being observed in all the primary schools of six upazilas as two associations, Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association and Bangladesh Government Primary School Teachers Association are involved in the agitation.

Education life of about two lakh primary students has become uncertain due to strike of 2,200

primary school teachers in almost all the 472 primary schools in the district.

However, the district education office claimed that the strike is not being observed in 100 per cent schools in Domar upazila and 30 per cent schools of Kishoreganj, Jaldhaka and Sadar Upazilas.

Regular classes are being held in the schools, they claimed.

Meanwhile, all the 26 assistant thana education officers (ATEOS) were asked to intensify their visit to the primary schools and to identify leaders of the agitating teachers in each and every school of all upazilas. They are also making the teachers aware about the code of conduct of government service and its consequence for failure to follow the rule. It has made the primary teachers panicky as well as agitated. They have already protested the measures and staged demonstrations in Kishoreganj and Dimla upazilas.

The district unit of Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association held a meeting at Chourangi intersection yesterday.

While addressing, the president of the association, Habibur Rahman expressed his determination to continue the agitation till realisation of their demands.

General secretary Abdur Rashid Sarkar lamented saying that a driver of a government office having less qualification and same seniority gets salary three times higher than that of a primary school teacher. A stenographer gets salary five times higher than that of a primary teacher, he added.

While talking to this correspondent, district primary education officer Akbar Ali Sarker said they have intensified visit to primary schools to improve quality of primary education.

'At present we are observing the situation', he said adding only the higher authorities can take the decision because the strike is countrywide.

Meanwhile, the steps taken by the district education office has made the teachers panicky.

Find the schools locked and finally return to their homes.

A guardian apprehended that if the strike continues then poor children would go back to their previous jobs raising the number of school dropouts.

Our Moulvibazar Correspondent reports: The teachers of government primary schools here yesterday brought out a silent procession in the town to press home their demand.

A meeting was held at the Government Shishu Primary School here. The meeting reviewed the latest situation. Hazi Abdul Awal, president of the district unit of Government Primary Teachers Association presided the meeting.

Among others, Saiful Islam, Abdul Awal, Durud Miah and Promot Ranjan Paul spoke on the occasion.

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14-party's siege programme foiled in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The Awami League (AL)-led 14-party opposition coalition yesterday brought out a procession in the town and tried to lay siege to the district election office housed at the Collectorate building here.

Leaders and activists of the opposition coalition brought out the procession as part of a countrywide programme demanding resignation of chief election commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz and two election commissioners.

Earlier, a strong contingent of police was deployed at the main entrance of the Collectorate building. The processionists engaged in a scuffle with police there. But police foiled their bid.

Later, a meeting was held near the gate of the Collectorate building.

AL district convener Jonab Ali presided the meeting.

Speakers bitterly criticised the CEC for still holding the post.

Among others, Upazila AL secretary Advocate Momtazul Islam, Workers Party District unit secretary Tapan Kumar Roy, NAP District unit secretary Saidur Rahman Shah and District JSD president Prof Azizul Islam.

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Date-expired polio vaccine recovered in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

At least 84 date-expired vials of polio vaccine were recovered from Ramgour upazila recently.

Dr Alamgir, WHO officer and In-Charge of Global Alliance Vaccine Immunisation Project, Chittagong Hill Tracts, seized the vials at Kalapani Polio Centre at Hapchhari union in Ramgour upazila and Ramgour Health Complex.

A four-member committee has been formed to investigate the matter.

Sources said, Dr Alamgir at first detected two date expired vials of polio vaccine during an inspection to Kalapani Polio Centre in Hapchhari union, Ramgour upazila.

Later, he seized 82 more date-expired vials at EPI Sector of Ramgour Health Complex.

Khagrachhari civil surgeon (CS) office sources said, Dr Belayet, a medical officer will head the four-member committee as its chairman.

Other members are Dr Alamgir of Global Alliance Vaccine Immunisation, EPI facilitator Kabir Hossain and district EPI supervisor Sahadev Barua.

The team already visited the spots but yet to submit its report.

On contact, Khagrachhari civil surgeon Dr Abu Taher said to this correspondent the vaccine which was kept in refrigerator might have been wasted due to frequent power failure. 'Action will be taken on receipt of the report of the investigation committee', he said.

World Refugee Day observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

World Refugee Day-2006 was observed here in a befitting manner yesterday.

Cox's Bazar Environmental Journalists' Forum brought out a procession and held a meeting to mark the occasion.

The procession started from the local Public Library Hall at 9 am and paraded the main streets of the town. Nearly 500 processionists including the UNHCR staffers, students of two local schools, members of Rotary International, Bar Association, journalists, NGOs, civil society members and people of all walks of life took part.

Bogra NGO wins laurels by exporting 'Nakshi Khantha'

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

A small NGO here has been selected the Golden Path Project Partner by the International Federation For Alternative Trade (IFAT) recently.

The selection was made in recognition to the commendable achievements of Polli Unnay Prokolpo (PUP). The organisation has been exporting 'Nakshi Khantha' and other products made by the organisation since 1986. PUP earned an amount of Tk 1.50 crore by exporting the products to England, Italy, Japan, Denmark and some other countries in Europe, Asia and Australia.

PUP chief coordinator told that he had started the organisation at Latifpur Colony area in Bogra town with 20 distressed women in 1986. Now the organisation is being run by 450 distressed women including some widows and divorcees.

More than 450 distressed women have been working here now. All are satisfied with the job.

They also save some amount of money from their salaries, they informed.



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Distressed women working at Polli Unnay Prokolpo (PUP) in Bogra. PUP earned Tk 1.50 crore by exporting 'Nakshi Khantha' to England, Italy, Japan, Denmark and some other countries in Europe, Asia and Australia.



Children passing idle time at Itakhola Primary School in Nilphamari as their classes remained suspended following primary teachers' indefinite strike.

Tree Plantation Award for Moulvibazar Govt College

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Moulvibazar Government College has been awarded the National Tree Plantation Award for 2005.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia handed over the prestigious award to Principal Noni Gopal Roy of the college at a function held in the capital recently.

Roy planted different herbal, aromatic, timber and fruit bearing

trees on the college campus. He also created a garden of rare Agor plants which created a great enthusiasm among the people. Collection of different plants is also another attraction at the college.

In recognition to Roy's achievement in tree plantation, the Forest Department has selected Moulvibazar Government College for the award.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia handing over the prestigious National Tree Plantation Award-2005 to Moulvibazar Government College Principal Noni Gopal Roy at a function held in the capital recently.

POWER OUTAGE

Angry soccer fans create barricade on road in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Angry soccer fans here yesterday brought out a procession and put up barricade on the road in the Satkhira-Assasuni Road in front of the PDB office protesting power outage during World Cup football match.

The processionists paraded the main streets of the town and created barricade on the road when police prevented them from entering the PDB office. They hurled stones at the office and damaged its furniture and windowpanes.

The road barricade created a long snarl up of vehicles on both the sides of the road.

A meeting was held there which

was addressed by, among others, Firoz Ahmed, Asaduzzaman Babu, Kazi Akhtar Hossain.

Speakers blamed the inefficient PDB men for frequent power outage and sufferings of people.

They threatened a tougher agitation if the authorities failed to ensure smooth supply of power within 24 hours of their demonstration.

On contact, Satkhira PDB residential engineer said, mob attacked the office and damaged its furniture as they could not watch the World Cup match due to power outage.

A large contingent of football fans have been deployed at the office to avoid any untoward incident further.

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Corrigendum

In the Notes at Serial Nos. 01 & 04 of the "Notice of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting" of Janata Insurance Company Limited published in "The Prothom Alo" and "The Daily Star" on June 15, 2006, the words "she", "witich" and "venue" be substituted by the words "the", "which" and "venue" respectively.

We regret the above unintentional printing errors occurred at the time of editing the said Notice by the Ad. Firm whose corrigendum appeared in the above dailies on June 16, 2006.

Dated: Dhaka, the June 18, 2006.

(Mohd. Rashedul Ahsan,
EVP & Company Secretary)

MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY WINDING UP NOTICE CONVENING (FINAL) MEETING

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of Section 296 of the Companies Act, 1994 that a General Meeting of the Members of P&O Containers Bangladesh (Private) Limited will be held at its registered office situated at Land View Commercial Centre, Gulshan Circle-2, Gulshan, Dhaka on 20th July, 2006 at 10:30 am (and a meeting of the creditors will be held at the above address on 20th July, 2006 at 2 pm) for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and also of determining by a Special Resolution of the Company/by the creditors, the manner in which the books, accounts and documents of the Company and of the Liquidator shall be disposed of.

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৮. দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ২২.০৬.২০০৬ তারিখ থেকে ১৫.০৭.২০০৬ তারিখ পর্যন্ত (অফিস ঢাকার সময়)
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