

'Ensure constitutional rights of indigenous people'

153th anniversary of Santal revolution observed in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
Indigenous people of the country should get their due constitutional rights including access to justice and land rights if they are to contribute to the nation, said speakers at discussion marking the 153rd anniversary of Santal Hool (revolution) yesterday.
On the occasion, the Santal community of Dinajpur,

Thakurgaon and Panchagarh held separate rallies and procession with the help of local and national non-government organisations (NGOs) in the memory of incident where at least 10,000 Santal male and female sacrificed their lives.
They paid tribute to the Santal heroes including Shidhu, Kanu, Chand and Bhairab.
The indigenous people of Dinajpur also submitted a memo-

random to the chief adviser of caretaker government through Dinajpur deputy commissioner, placing a 15-point demand.
The indigenous people's demand includes their constitutional rights, separate land commission, ensuring easy access to education, water and forest resources and access to justice for indigenous people.
Discussion, procession and

placing of floral wreath in memory of the martyrs marked the anniversary of Santal Revolution.
Indigenous people of the country have remained left out from the mainstream of development, speakers said at the meeting held at Dinajpur Natya Samity Auditorium.
Demanding access to education and justice and forest resources for the indigenous people, they said proper distribution of khas lands among the indigenous people is needed to enable them to survive and contribute to agriculture.
Repression on the indigenous people must go and constitutional recognition and housing rights should be given to them, speakers said at the meeting.
They also urged the government to allow quotas for indigenous people in universities, colleges and government jobs, better chance for getting scholarships at home and abroad.
Primary education for the indigenous children should be given in their mother languages, they said.
The speakers demanded more Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the indigenous people at different regions.
Among others, Mongol Hemrom, Rafayal Murmu, Sultan Shah, Dheran Hasda, Lempu Hasda and Nurul Huda Liton spoke at the meeting presided over by Sreemoti Amoli Kisku, convener of Bangladesh Kishani Sava.



Indigenous people bring out a rally at Dinajpur town yesterday marking the 153rd anniversary of Santal revolution during the British rule.

Pregnant woman killed by husband in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A young pregnant woman was killed by her husband for her father's failure to pay him part of dowry money he promised during his daughter's marriage, family sources said.

Yasmin Khatun Boby, 20, daughter of Monirul Islam of SS Road in Sirajganj town was beaten to death by her husband Rubel Talukder, 28, son of Abul Hossain of Chandaikona bazaar area in Raiganj at their house Tuesday night.

Rubel married to Boby about two years three months ago. During their marriage, Boby's father promised to pay Rubel Tk 50,000 as dowry. A few days later, Rubel got Tk 30,000 as part of the dowry from Boby's poor father.

A few days later, Boby's husband and in-laws created pressure on her to bring the rest amount of Tk 20,000 from her father. As her father failed to pay the rest amount, Rubel and his family started torturing her.

On the fateful night, Rubel beat his wife to death and fled the scene leaving the body in his bedroom.

On information, Raiganj police rushed to the spot and recovered the body. They arrested Boby's father-in-law Abul Hossain and mother-in-law Asia Khatun. On interrogation, both of them admitted that Boby had been killed by their son.



A hill in Rangamati Sadar upazila sees ginger farming on the slopes as cultivation of spices is gaining popularity in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Homestead gardening changing their life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Once ultra-poor Khodeza Begum of village Vati Kapasia under Sunderganj upazila now earns around Tk 3,000 a month by vegetable gardening and poultry rearing.

"I am happy as homestead gardening has brought me solvency. I want my children to be educated. Thanks to local NGO Gano Unnayan Kendro, who provides me with adequate training on vegetable cultivation that has changed my fate from destitute, said Khodeza Begum.

Donor agency Helen Keller International is assisting the homestead food production programme, being implemented by local NGO Gano Unnayan Kendro.

One thousand destitute families in Gaibandha shool areas have been brought under this programme, said Programme Officer of the NGO. Khodeza, now producing 25 varieties of vegetables on her 20 decimal plots, makes profit by selling vegetables in the local market after meeting family need.

Besides, she rears poultry and earns by selling eggs and chicken in addition to providing nutrition to her family members.

She bears all the family expenses including that for schooling of her two children as her husband Nazrul Islam, who worked as a farm labourer, is now too ill to do hard physical labour.

Many other once impoverished families in shool areas along Teesta and Brahmaputra basin have changed their livelihood through homestead vegetable gardening.

Housewife Ambiya Khatun, who earlier became victim of river erosion, this year earned Tk 2,000 by selling green chilli that she cultivated on her four decimal homestead plot.

"We have a stock of 10 kg dried red chilli that will be sold at off-season period," she said.

Landless housewife Shefali Begum said she cultivated vegetables on her only two decimal homestead plot, and earned Tk 1,000 by selling vegetables after meeting family need. Local NGO Gano Unnayan Kendro supplied seeds of

vegetable and other inputs free of cost.

"We provided training on gardening, rearing poultry and women empowerment. As a result, rural women are gradually proceeding to self-reliance and getting nutritious food through a little labour," said Harun-ur-Rashid, project officer of GUK.

There are 18 groups in Kapasia union and seven others in Sreepur union under Sunderganj upazila, each group comprising 40 destitute and landless families, he added.

In 2003, Helen Keller International started homestead food production programme in char lands of Gaibandha, Kurigram, Rangpur and Sirajganj districts.

"Our programme has reached thousands of women in char areas and the beneficiaries are meeting up the need of food and nutrition. Selling surplus vegetables is bringing them money as well," said Parvez Babul, information and advocacy officer of Helen Keller International.

Police official, two lawyers sued for extortion, cheating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A police official, two lawyers and eight others were sued on charge of extortion and a cheating yesterday.

They are Kalaroa Police Station sub-inspector (SI) Farid, Notary Public Advocate Azharul Islam, Advocate Syed Ziaur Rahman of Satkhira Judge court, Uma Rani Ghosh, wife of Shankar Ghosh of Bamankhali village, Prabhas Kumar Ghosh of Kalaroa, Dipankar Kumar Ghosh, Ajit Kumar Ghosh, Uttam Kumar Ghosh, Goutam Kumar Ghosh, Madhu Ghosh and Arabinda Kumar Ghosh of Kotalipara in Gopalganj district.

They were sued by Shushanto

Kumar Ghosh of Bamankhali village in Kalaroa for allegedly demanding Tk 2,00,000 from him. He further alleged the accused cheated him by forcing him to marry Uma Rani Ghosh, wife of his elder brother Shankar Kumar Ghosh reluctantly by making a false affidavit on June 23. He also alleged that his elder brother was beaten by them to agree to his proposal.

The Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court asked the Anti-Corruption Commission to investigate into the matter, court sources said.

On contact, both the lawyers denied the allegations saying the plaintiff and his elder brother made the affidavit willingly.

3 AL leaders collect nomination paper for mayoral election in Khulna city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Three Awami League (AL) leaders collected nomination papers yesterday for contesting the mayoral election scheduled to be held here on August 4.

City AL president and former state minister Talukder Abdul Khaleque, general secretary (GS) Alhaj Mizanur Rahman Mizan and party's Ward-20 unit joint secretary Mallick Abid Hossain collected nomination papers separately from the deputy election commissioner's office.

Earlier, city AL executive

committee unanimously nominated Talukder Abdul Khaleque at a meeting held at the party office here on Sunday to contest in the election. City AL GS Mizanur Rahman proposed his name while district AL president seconded the proposal.

Meanwhile, Acting Khulna Mayor Moniruzzaman Moni, also senior vice president of city BNP, also collected nomination paper to vie for the post.

When asked, Moni said he will not wait for the party's decision regarding participation in mayoral election. "I believe BNP will take a decision to participate in the fray," he said.

'Fraud' couple arrested in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A 'fraud' couple was handed over to Iswarganj police yesterday after their arrest by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) from Tarakandi village on Sunday.

Md Abdur Razzaq Fakir, 50, a quack, and his wife Firoza Begum, 40, allegedly took Tk 8 lakh 50,000 from Rokeya Begum of Sharifpur village in Gazipur on a false promise to give her back Tk 7 crore. They said they are in possession of 'unnatural' power which will be used to discover 'hidden treasure' from the victim's house. The frauds made her believe that all the inmates of her house would die if the hidden wealth remained undiscovered.

RU opens today

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University will reopen today after 39 days' summer vacation.

Sources said, many departments took their scheduled examinations during summer vacation to avoid session jam.

Official activities in departments and administrative building continued during the vacation.

The 16 dormitories for both boys and girls also remain opened during the vacation.

Earlier, the RU authorities opened the 16 residential halls as many departments took their scheduled examinations during vacation that began on May 24.

Provost council of RU issued a notice and asked students to return to their halls with by 11.00pm and girl students before sunset, sources said.

3 'outlaws' held, sent to jail

RU CORRESPONDENT

Three alleged outlaws were sent to jail yesterday after their arrest from their houses at Bagmara in Rajshahi on Sunday.

The arrestees allegedly belonged to the outlawed Purb Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) were identified as Kanai Chandra Das alias Kanu, 30, Protul Kumar Sarker, 25, and Shaymol Kumar Jamadar, 24, all of Taherpur bazaar in Bagmara.

Earlier, police conducted separate raids at their houses to arrest them.

11 people held with 8,099 fake dollars, 2 Rab men hurt in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rapid action Battalion arrested 11 forged dollar traders in Birganj upazila of Dinajpur and recovered fake dollar notes amounting to US\$8,099 from the gang on Sunday night.

Two Rab men were injured during the hour-long raid, police said.

The arrestees -- Anisur Rahman 55, village Shatoil under Birganj upazila of Dinajpur, Md Monsur

Ali, 40, of village Polashbari under Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha, Gua Thakur, 30, Md Harun-Ur Rashid, 22, Rezaur Rahman, Harun-ur-Rashid Rana, 25, Imran Ali, 20, Md Masud Rana, 22, Muhammad Mamun of Thakurgaon Sadar upazila and Mahubub Ali Sumon, 26, of Birganj upazila of Dinajpur -- were sent to jail after filing two separate cases, Birganj police said.

Acting on a tip, a Rab team laid seize to the house of Anisur Rahman at Shaban Shatoil village under Birganj upazila on Sunday night when the fake dollar traders were holding a meeting, police said.

Sensing the presence of law enforcers, the criminals tried to flee by hitting the law enforcers with sharp weapons but the Rab men held them with fake 8,099 US dollar notes after a chase for an hour, they added.

ASI Ibrahim Hossain and Nasim, who were seriously injured during the incident, are undergoing treatment at DMCH, Rab said.



Scarcity of food in its habitat compels this baboon to enter a restaurant in Kaliganj while the owner is little aware of the risk it poses to human health.

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Animal Nutrition Development and Technology Transfer Project
Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka

Invitation for Tenders

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock.					
2. Agency	Department of Livestock Services.					
3. Procuring entity name	Md. Khaza Nazim Uddin, Project Director.					
4. Project name & code (if applicable)	Animal Nutrition Development and Technology Transfer Project & Code: 5/4441/6336.					
5. Source of funds	GOB.					
6. Tender package No.	GD-1 & GD-2 (08-09).					
7. Invitation for tenders Ref. & date	Animal Nutrition/Purchase-GD-1&2/2008-09/730 Dated: 29/06/2008.					
8. Procurement methods	Open tendering method (OTM).					
9. Tender name	খাসের বীজ ক্রয় এবং মোশাসেস ও ইউরিয়া ক্রয়।					
10. Eligibility of tenderers	As stated in TDS and ITT Clause 4, 22, 23 & 24 and GCC Clause 6 of the schedule.					
11. Name and address of the office Selling tender document	Office of the Project Director, Animal Nutrition Development and Technology Transfer Project, Pashusampad Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.					
12. Name and address of the office Receiving tenders	Office of the Project Director, Animal Nutrition Development and Technology Transfer Project, Pashusampad Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.					
13. Name and address of the office Opening tenders	Office of the Project Director, Animal Nutrition Development and Technology Transfer Project, Pashusampad Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.					
14. Last date and time for selling tender document	27/07/2008 up to 5.00pm.					
15. Last date and time for submission of tender document	28/07/2008 up to 12.00 noon.					
16. Date and time for opening of tenders	28/07/2008 at 2.00pm (Tenderer's and their authorised representative are allowed to attend).					
17. Brief description of goods						
Package No.	Identification	Location	Price of tender document in Tk	Tender security amount in Tk	Time for completion of delivery in weeks	Remarks
GD-1	Procurement of Fodder Seeds	8 dairy farm & 64 D LO Office	450/-	75,000/-	8-12 weeks	
GD-2	Procurement of Molasses & Urea	Selected 64 ULO Office	450/-	40,000/-	8-12 weeks	
18. Special Instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders prior to acceptance.					
19. Name of official inviting tender	Md. Khaza Nazim Uddin					
20. Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director					
21. Address of official inviting tender	Animal Nutrition Development and Technology Transfer Project Pashusampad Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak Farmgate, Dhaka-1215					

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Khodeza Begum and her husband working at the vegetable garden on their homestead at Vati village in Sunderganj upazila. Helen Keller International supports such initiative for hundreds of poor families in Teesta shoals.

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