

200 'controversial' staff stage sit-in at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

About 200 'controversially-appointed' fourth-class employees of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday staged a one-hour sit-in demonstration in front of the administrative building demanding regularisation of jobs.

They also held a rally urging the chief adviser and the University Grants Commission (UGC) chairman to take necessary steps for confirmation of their jobs. They said their families are living in misery. They also demanded resignation of acting vice chancellor (VC) Prof Mammunul Keramat for failure to confirm their jobs.

They threatened to resist the Syndicate meeting of the university scheduled to be held today. They announced for continuation of their sit-in demonstration today.

Later, they brought out a procession on the campus and paraded its streets.

Afterwards, a group of employees met the VC, treasurer and registrar separately demanding their job regularisation.

When contacted, the acting VC said, "We shall take up the matter seriously."

A large number of police were deployed on the campus to avert any untoward incident.

Earlier, the university authorities appointed 544 third and fourth-class employees against 255 vacant posts in 2004 in gross violation of the university rules. Jobs of about 300 employees were regularised during tenure of the BNP-Jamaat rule.

Later, High Court stayed the recruitment following a case.

Victims lay siege to swindler NGO at Satkhira as cheats flee

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Agitated people yesterday laid siege to the office of swindler NGO 'Ain and Adhikar Bastabayan Forum' (a forum for implementation of law and rights) at Palashpole in the town.

One of the victims also filed a case with Sadar Police Station against its officials and staffs for cheating Tk over 20 lakh in the name of awarding several people so-called 'Best Performance Award' for their contribution in different fields.

Locals along with the invitees who came to receive the 'award' scheduled to be distributed yesterday as per earlier announcement at a ceremony at Satkhira Zilla Parishad auditorium seized the office of the swindler NGO as they failed to find any of the officials and staffs of the organisation at the venue.

Maniruzzaman Manir, executive director of the NGO, and other staff managed to escape through the back doors of the office, police said.

Maniruzzaman Manir is a

former leader of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student front of Jamaat-e-Islami, sources said.

On August 18, local office of the Social Welfare Department suspended activities of the NGO.

Police rushed to the spot and managed to pacify the agitated people by assuring them to bring the culprits to book.

Mokhtarul Maulana of village Paikpara in Assassuni upazila filed the case with Sadar Police Station against executive director Maniruzzaman Manir and other staffs of the NGO, police said.

The cheats started activities of 'Ain and Adhikar Bastabayan Forum' hanging a signboard at a rented house at Palashpole in the town with permission from the local office of the Social Welfare Department in February, police quoted the victims and local people as saying.

They collected lakhs of taka from the people including UP chairmen, social workers, farmers, teachers, traders alluring them to be adjudged "Best Performance Awards" for their

contribution in respective fields, sources said.

The cheats earlier invited them to receive the 'awards' on August 26 but they could not hold the ceremony as a piece of news was published against them.

Later they scheduled yesterday for distribution of the awards and again invited them to come to receive the awards.

Finding no officials or staff of the NGO at the venue they realised that they had been cheated and agitated people laid siege to the NGO office demanding arrest and punishment to the cheats.

Several of the victims including plaintiff Mokhtarul Maulana, Shawkat Ali of Palashpole in the town, Saleha Khatun of village Sreekalash in Assassuni upazila and others told this correspondent that the NGO officials and staffs collected Tk 20,000 to 30,000 from each to accord them the award.

Contacted, Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Kader Beg said they are trying nab the culprits.

Tk 4.35 cr heroin seized in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized heroin worth over Tk 4.35 crore at the border village of Paschim Kodalkati of Alatali union in Sadar upazila on Tuesday.

On a tip-off, the border guards recovered 4.35 kilogram of heroin from the village in the morning. As soon as they challenged a few drug traffickers when they were returning from India, they fled the scene leaving behind a bag containing the heroin, said commanding officer of 39 Rifles Battalion Lt Col Golam Kibria Mohammad Neyamat Ullah.

Earlier, BDR seized heroin worth over Tk 13.5 crore from the aforesaid union in the current month, BDR officials said.

Sued sub-registrar sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Sirajganj Senior Assistant Judge's Court yesterday sent a sub-registrar to jail after his appearance before the court.

Sirajganj Sadar Upazila sub-registrar Sirajul Islam was sent to jail following filing of a case by Mazedha Begum a few months ago alleging irregularities and mismanagement against him.

Later, the court ordered Sirajul to show cause within a stipulated period. As he failed to show cause on time, he was asked to appear before court physically. On his appearance, he was sent to jail after a hearing yesterday noon.



JOY OF SUCCESS: Jubilant GPA-5 achievers of Rajshahi New Government Degree College flash V-sign after publication of HSC results yesterday.

Tk 75 lakh govt land leased illegally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Rangpur district administration leased out government land worth about 75 lakh taka in Rangpur town to three government employees in gross violation of rule.

The lessees of land at Robertsonsonj are Mizanur Rahman Monju and Shawkat Hosen, two clerks working at the Ministry of Establishment in Dhaka and Alamgir Hosen, a najir (clerk) working at the deputy commissioner's office.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Shamsul Alam on behalf of the deputy commissioner (DC), who is ex-officio chairman of land committee, issued the lease against the government employees, said sources at the DC office.

As per circular of the land ministry, no government employee or official can take lease of any kind of government land, besides, a person taking lease of government land must be resident of that area and

must not possess any land.

But the three persons who got lease of the government land are government employees. Mizanur Rahman Monju and Shawkat Hosen are permanent residents of Nilphamari.

Monju and Shawkat got lease of .05 acre of land each and Alamgir Hosen .17 acre of land at Robertsonsonj in August, said sources at the DC office.

The leased out land belongs to Public Works Department (PWD). It is an abandoned property.

When asked, ADC Shamsul Alam, however, said, "I did not sign any lease. It is property of the PWD."

Executive Engineer of PWD Aminul Islam said, "The land was leased out in August. But I do not know who have been given the land. Ask the deputy commissioner, who is also chairman of the land committee, about it."

Rangpur Deputy Commissioner Khandaker Atiar Rahman was transferred to the home ministry on August 31.

Two imposters arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Two cheats introducing themselves as Rab members were arrested at Pakshey village in Ishwardi upazila on Tuesday. The arrestees are Md Hafizur Rahman, 40, and Nipen Chandra Roy, 46, both of the same village.

Being informed, the elite force raided the village in the morning and arrested the two.

Outlaw sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A regional leader of Lal Pataka faction of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) was sent to jail after his appearance before Meherpur judicial magistrate court yesterday, court sources said.

Earlier, police arrested Rois Uddin, 40, from his house at Jalshuka village in Gangul upazila on Tuesday. On his confessional statement, police recovered a shutter gun, a 'Ramda' and a 'Chapati' from the house.

The arrestee was involved in various crimes including robbery, abduction and toll collection, police said.

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Tk 2 cr allocated to purchase raw jute for 7 jute mills

Fund for workers' dues yet to be allocated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The government has allocated an amount of Tk 2 crore to purchase raw jute for seven state-owned jute mills in Khulna-Jessore industrial belt.

The fund will reach the respective jute mills through Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) soon, said Alim Jute Mills project director Monowar Hossain.

The decision was taken at a meeting held at BJMC head office in Dhaka on Tuesday. But the six-hour meeting held between the high officials of BJMC and project directors of seven jute mills did not take any decision on payment of arrears of workers, said a reliable source at BJMC Khulna zonal office.

Presided by BJMC chairman Ataharul Islam, the meeting discussed at length matters relating to payment of workers' arrears, Crescent Jute Mills acting project director Mujibar Rahman Mallick said.

The meeting also resolved that BJMC would seek allocation of funds required for payment of all dues of workers to subdue their

ongoing agitation.

Meanwhile, Jute Mill Workers' Development Committee (JMWC) leaders sharply reacted for non-allocation of funds for payment of workers' dues. BJMC authorities would be held responsible for creating untoward situation in the industrial belt if the dues of workers are not paid by the September 14 deadline, JMWC convenor Gazi Masum threatened.

Workers of Crescent Jute Mills, Star Jute Mills and Platinum Jubilee Jute Mills are on fresh agitation since September 7 to press home their eight-point demand. They already snapped electricity and water supply lines of the administrative buildings and officials quarters on September 7 and withdrew gardeners and sweepers from there the same day. They also brought out a coffin procession at Khalishpur on September 9 as part of their agitation.

Fifteen workers of the three jute mills will go for self-immolation on September 15 if their demands are not met by September 14, JMWC convenor Gazi Masum said.

Widow of slain person seeks justice, security

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

"Should I commit suicide along with my four children?" said a panic-stricken widow, threatened by the accused of her husband's killing.

"My family is under threat after my husband Azibar Rahman was killed by criminals led by Modasserul Haque Huda, a leader of Jatiyatadabi Jubo Dal, and chairman of a local union parishad," said Mariam Begum of village Matiadanga in Sadar upazila at a press conference at Satkhira Reporters Club on Tuesday.

She said they are getting death threats to withdraw the case against the accused while Huda is moving freely even after the court issued warrant of arrest against him.

She said criminals abducted her husband Azibar Rahman, Kasher, Khokon and Hasan from their houses at village Matiadanga in the Sadar upazila and tortured them at a shrimp enclosure at Kharidanga leaving Azibar Rahman dead and three others seriously injured on January 5 last year.

The next day Mariam Begum filed a case with Sadar Police Station against 12 people including UP Chairman Huda and UP member Aminur Rahman for killing her husband.

Later the accused were granted bail from the High Court.

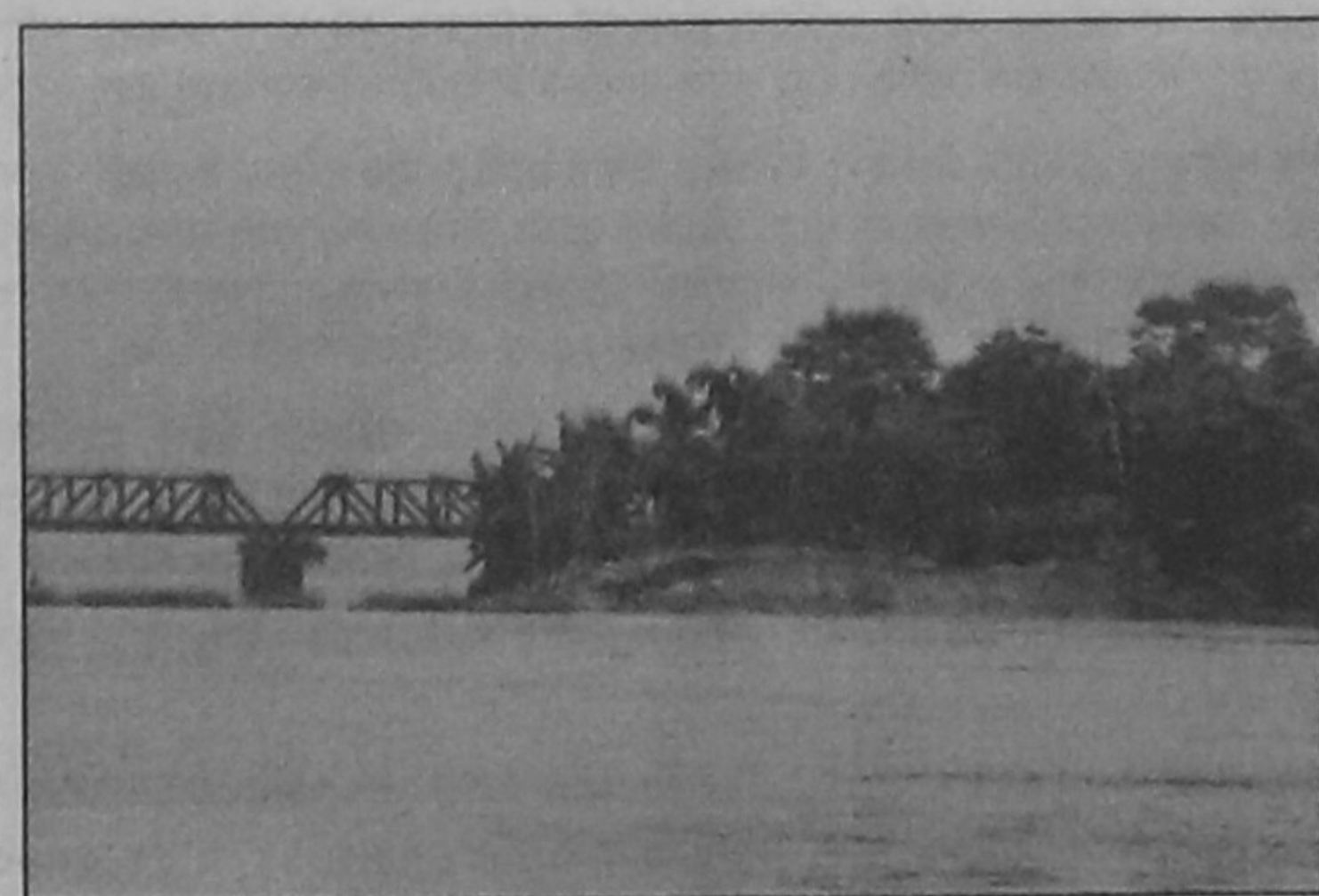
Police submitted charge sheet against nine people including Huda on December 12 last year.

The plaintiff's lawyers submitted a prayer before the HC with a prayer to cancel his bail.

After submission of an enquiry following an HC order, an HC bench in the last week of August cancelled the earlier granted bail of Huda, Mariam said.

As Huda failed to appear before the court on Tuesday, the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court issued warrant of arrest against him and sent the case to the District and Session Judge's Court for further proceeding, she said.

Mariam has appealed to the chief adviser, home adviser, IGP and SP for security of her and her family members' life.



Sonahat Bridge across Dudhkumer River in Bhurungamari upazila in Kurigram faces threat as erosion has taken a serious turn with receding of floodwater.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka
Invitation for Tender
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