

School shut as AL men occupy it for jatra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Sirajganj*

Classes at Dhekuria Government Primary School in Kazipur upazila under the district have remained suspended since Thursday last as some local influential people arranged indecent dance and gambling in the name of jatra on the school premises.

Locals said a group of Awami League leaders and activists led by a Maizbari union Chhatra League leader, arranged the jatra on the school premises through 'managing' local police and upazila administration.

The unwanted activities are hamper-

ing school activities and leaving bad impact on a section of students and local youths, said several guardians and villagers.

They said they urged the local administration including Kazipur upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) and officer-in-charge (OC) of Kazipur Police Station to take steps to stop the illegal activities, but to no effect.

During a visit to the spot yesterday, this correspondent saw that jatra artists were using some rooms of the school as their shelter while classes remained closed.

"Ignoring our objection, local influen-

tial people arranged the jatra on the school premises," Mariam Lovely, headmistress of the school, said.

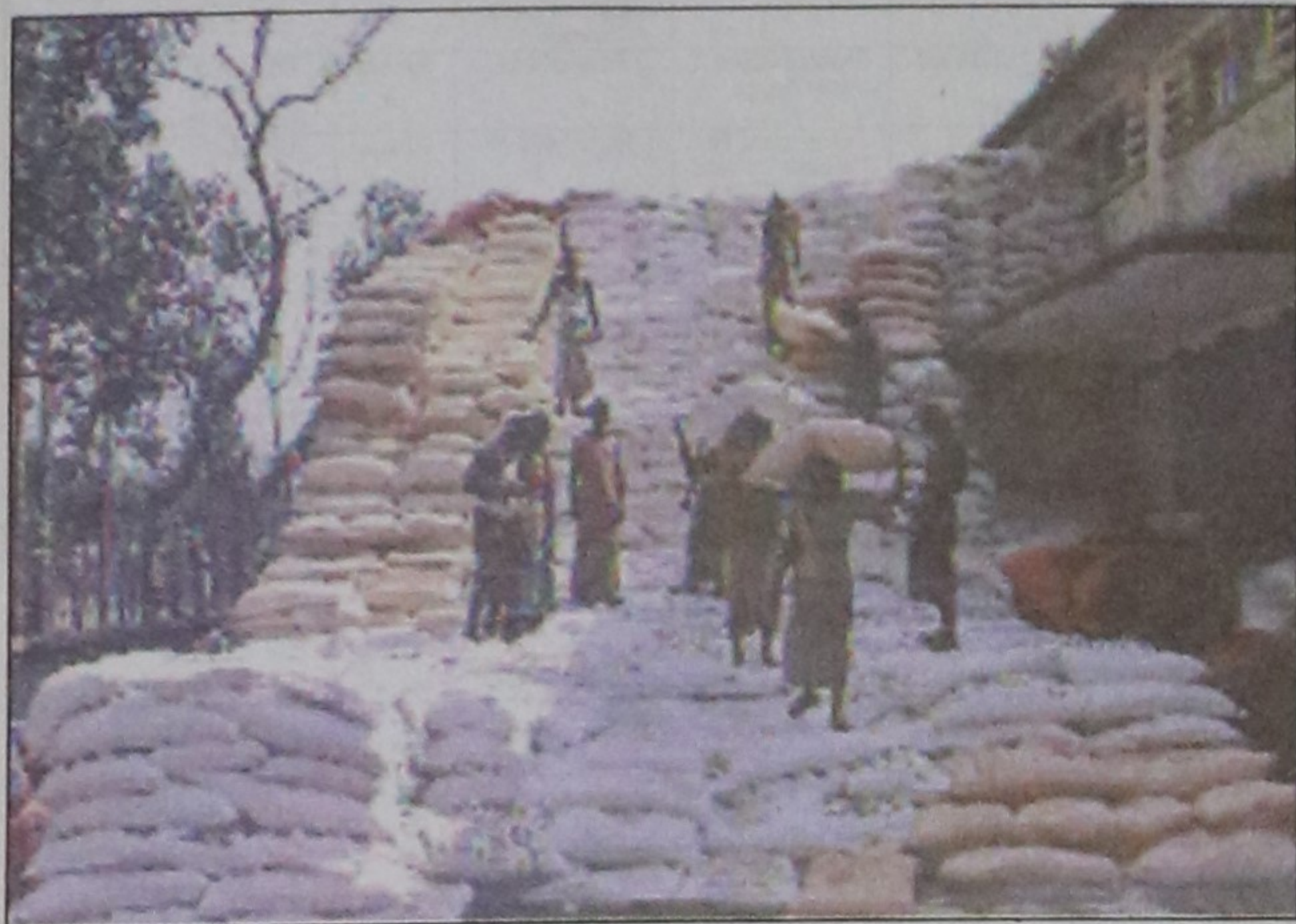
Kazipur Upazila Education Officer Kamruzzaman said, "The organisers arranged the jatra on the school premises without any approval from the authorities. I have asked the organisers to stop the activities immediately."

When contacted, Kazipur UNO Md Surattuzaman said he asked the OC of Kazipur Police Station on Sunday to stop the jatra, indecent dance and gambling.

The OC, Kazi Jahidul Hafiz, on the other hand, said he does not know the matter.



UNITY IS STRENGTH: Villagers rendering voluntary service to construct a five-kilometre road from Notun Kahela to Dimukhi Bazar in Warshi union in Mirzapur in Tangail under 'Shouhardo' project of CARE Bangladesh. Five thousand villagers including women and students of 19 villages joined hands to complete the work by today. About 40,000 villagers would be benefited on completion of the road.



Huge fertiliser stacked up under open sky in front of Dhanghara godown at Gaibandha for lack of space.

Mob beat outlaw to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

Angry people killed an outlaw at village Dhanuaghata in Faridpur upazila on Sunday, police said.

Md Mukter Hossain, 30, a regional leader of Janajudha faction of the outlawed Purbangar Communist Party (PBCP) was beaten to death by villagers as he hurled bombs at his party rival Abdul Malek who was going to Faridpur upazila town by a motorcycle.

As Malek raised a hue and cry, mob rushed the spot, caught Mukter and beat him indiscriminately. Mukter succumbed to his injuries but Malek managed to flee.

Fratricide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *C'nawabganj*

A man killed his elder brother as a sequel to a land dispute at Haripur in the town yesterday, police said.

The dead is Zalaluddin, 75. At about 7 am on the day, he developed a quarrel with his younger brother Bujrot, 55, over land, said Sadar police station officer-in-charge Amirul Islam.

At one stage, Bujrot hit his elder brother with a brick, leaving Zalal dead on the spot.

NO SPACE IN GODOWNS

Huge fertiliser under open sky in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

Urea fertiliser supplied to Gaibandha district in the current Boro season is being piled up under the open sky as the fertiliser go-downs in the district with a total of 2000-tonne capacity fail to accommodate them.

Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) has allocated 34,399 tonnes of fertiliser for seven upazilas in Gaibandha district and 11,852 tonnes of fertiliser reached the district till February 15, said sources at district fertiliser monitoring committee.

This season one lakh 12 thousand 645 hectares of land in Gaibandha district have been brought under Boro cultivation, said Mizanur Rahman Mizan, deputy director of Department of Agriculture Extension in the district.

Now defunct Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) handed over five fertiliser godowns

with 2,500-tonne capacity to district food control department in 1992 but they have remained virtually unused for various reasons.

BCIC has allocated 9,590 tonnes of fertiliser for January, 14,974 tonnes for February and 9,862 tonnes for the month of March to meet up the requirement of Boro cultivation in the district.

Local fertiliser dealers of Gaibandha could not carry allocated 2,500 tonnes of fertiliser from Jamuna fertiliser factory as Railway Marine Department has suspended goods wagon services between Balashi and Bahadurabad ghat due to navigation problem in the Jamuna River that sees serious decrease in water level in the dry season.

River route between Balashi and Bahadurabad is the easiest and cheapest way for carrying fertiliser from Jamuna fertiliser factory to Gaibandha, said Abdul Latif Hakkani, president of Gaibandha district fertiliser dealer's association.

BCL leader held for tender scam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Thakurgaon*

Police yesterday arrested Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) district unit Vice-President Tofa Hossain Montu for attempt to resist dropping of tender schedule for a construction work at the office of Thakurgaon Superintendent of Police.

"When contractor Gopal Chandra came to the office to drop tender schedule for a Tk10 lakh construction work, Montu and his accomplices tried to prevent him today this [Monday] noon," Thakurgaon SP Abu Saleh Mohammad Golam Mahmud Shah said.

Ordered by the SP, police arrested Chhatra League leader Montu.

Meanwhile a tense situation is prevailing in the town as clashes between the activists of Chhatra League and Jubo League on Sunday left six people injured.

The clash followed auction for a motorbike at the SP office. Police have been deployed at different places in the town, to stave off further incidents.

When contacted, Water Resource Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen told this correspondent that he ordered police to arrest people responsible for creating unstable situation in the town, irrespective of their political identity.

A DECADE INTO KAZI AREF KILLING 'Execute verdict to uphold rule of law'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

Leaders, activists and local people yesterday demanded immediate execution of verdict in the murder case of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) president freedom fighter Kazi Aref Ahmed and four leaders of the party's Kushtia unit.

They were speaking at rallies here marking the anniversary of the killings. On the occasion, JSD and its front organisations wore black badges, held silent procession and arranged discussion meeting in the district.

JSD Kushtia unit, Kazi Aref Smriti Parishad and Yakub Ali Smriti Parishad also arranged programmes at Kalidashpur in Daulatpur upazila and Kushtia town.

A seminar was held at Kushtia Zilla Parishad auditorium on "Trial of War Criminals as a Question of National Unity and the Dream of Kazi Aref Ahmed".

Sahabub Ali, president of Kazi Aref Smriti Parishad chaired the seminar while it was addressed by JSD central joint secretary Nazmul Haq Pradhan, central member-secretary of Bangladesh Mukti Joddah Oikya Parishad Nasim Ahmed, JSD leader district unit secretary Abdul Alim Sawpan, Mohsin Ali, Advocate Abdul Jalil, Kushtia district Awami League (AL) general secretary Asgar Ali, Workers Party district secretary Lutfar Rahman and Associate Professor of Islamic University Dr Zohurul Islam.

The speakers told the seminar that the killers must be punished to establish rule of law in the society.

They urged the government to take measures to execute the verdict in the case without further delay.

An armed gang killed Kazi Aref, Kushtia district JSD president Lokman Hossain, general secretary Yakub Ali, local JSD leader Shamsheer Ali and Israil Hossain at a rally in Kalidashpur village of Daulatpur upazila in Kushtia on February 16, 1999.

On August 30, 2004, the then additional district and sessions judge Fazlur Rahman pronounced the verdict sentencing 10 persons to death and 12 others to life imprisonment.

Later, a high court bench acquitting one of death sentence but upheld life imprisonment of all 12 on August 5, 2008.

At present, an appeal hearing is pending with the Supreme Court.

Both the accused did not submit any bail prayer with the court and they were weeping as police were taking them out of the court.

The Second Rajshahi Judicial Magistrate's Court ordered sending them to jail when the police placed him before the court at the end of two-day remand.

Daud, Nur seek no bail, sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

A Rajshahi court yesterday sent Daud Hossain and Nur-e-Anwar, two arrested accused in the case for killing 15 people in Mohonpur during the 1971 Liberation War, to jail custody.

Both the accused did not submit any bail prayer with the court and they were weeping as police were taking them out of the court.

The Second Rajshahi Judicial Magistrate's Court ordered sending them to jail when the police placed him before the court at the end of two-day remand.

On November 30 in 1971, the two accused along with 19 others abducted 15 people of Berabari and Mugroil villages and all of the kidnapped people were killed later, according to the case filed against Daud and Nur.

"During interrogation, the accused said that as Razzakars they were with Pakistani soldiers when the persons were abducted, but they were not involved with any murders," said M Shahabuddin Khan, SP of police in Rajshahi, said.



Farmers block Dinajpur-Rangpur highway yesterday demanding adequate water supply for Boro cultivation.

Farmers agitate for water, fertiliser

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Farmers in two districts yesterday staged agitation demanding timely supply of water and fertiliser ahead of boro cultivation.

Our Rangpur correspondent said, hundreds of farmers of Khalea union under Gangachara upazila barricaded Dinajpur-Rangpur highway for three hours demanding water supply in their boro fields through secondary and tertiary canals of Teesta Barrage project.

Hundreds of vehicles remained stranded from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lalchandpur as the farmers staged sit-in on the highway.

According to sources, the secondary and tertiary canals of the Teesta barrage project became ineffective due to drastic fall in the water level of the main canal.

As a result, the farmers dependant on water supply from the Teesta Barrage project are facing serious setback and cultivation of boro on about 1,000 hectares has become uncertain.

They withdrew their programme at 2:00 pm when the Executive Engineer of Water Development Board and Upazila Nirbahi Officer of

Gangachara assured them of water through the canal shortly.

Executive Engineer Shahidul Islam told this correspondent that they could not operate the canals of the project in Rangpur end because of lack of adequate reserve of water in the main canal.

Our Correspondent from Moulvibazar reports: Farmers of Rajnagar upazila are staging agitation as they are not getting timely supply of fertiliser for Boro cultivation.

About a hundred farmers Sunday night stopped a fertiliser-loaded truck at Munshibazar in the upazila. The local administrative officers rushed to the spot and released the truck and brought the situation under control.

Farmers of Kamarchak area of the same upazila also agitated on Monday demanding fertiliser.

Shafat Mahbub Chawdhury, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Rajnagar told this correspondent that demand for fertiliser in the month of February in his upazila is 420 metric tonnes. But only 140 metric tonnes were so far supplied. He said he has informed the matter to the higher authorities.

Bangladesh Power Development Board
Invitation for International Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).		
3	Procuring entity name	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at Present.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Turbine Spares for 4th Unit Overhauling of Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.		
7	Invitation Ref No.	Pur-316/2009		
8	Date	08-02-2009.		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (Cash Foreign Exchange Allocation) of BPDB.		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
14	Tender package No.	183 (FY 2008-2009).		
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Turbine Spares for 4th Unit Overhauling of Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.		
16	Tender publication date	Date: 08-02-2009.		
17	Tender last selling date	29-03-2009 during office hours.		
18	Tender closing date and time	30-03-2009 at 11.00am (BST).		
19	Tender opening date and time	30-03-2009 at 11.30 am (BST).		
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Directorate of Purchase BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (principal)	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable.		
	Receiving tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Opening tender document	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Not applicable.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.		
23	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Turbine Spares for 4th Unit Overhauling of Ghorasal Power Station, BPDB, Palash, Narsingdi.		
24	Brief description of related services	As per tender document.		
25	Price of tender documents (BDT)	Non-refundable BD Taka 5,000/- (five thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order in favour of Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.		
26	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	Delivery period (validity of shipment)
Lot-1	Procurement of Turbine Spares for 4th Unit Overhauling	Ghorasal Power Station, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi.	USD 30,000.00 or BDTK 21,000,000/-	180 days from date of L/C opening
27	Validity of tender and tender security	As per tender document.		
28	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abdhuh Ruhullah.		
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Director		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
30	Address of official inviting tender	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9 th Floor), 12, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.		
31	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. 7126144 Fax 7126151.		
32	Special instruction	Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award.		
33	This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules-2008"			

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