

Kalaroa tense as locals to resist Saydee's meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Sarkhira

Several hundred people including freedom fighters brought out a procession and held a rally yesterday evening at Kalaroa protesting a bid to hold 'political meeting in the name of *mahfil*' by Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Saydee at the local high school ground this afternoon.

Vowing to resist the meeting they also damaged the gate erected at the entrance of the meeting venue.

They then called a meeting at the same venue this afternoon and submitted a memorandum to Kalaroa Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) and Officer-in-Charge (OC) of local police station urging them to stop the meeting.

Over 2,000 people joined the procession that paraded the main thoroughfares of the town and held a rally on Kalaroa upazila complex premises.

It was addressed by Kalaroa upazila Awami League (AL) president Moju Chowdhury,

upazila Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) general secretary Anwar Hossain, upazila Workers' Party secretary Abdur Rouf, upazila vice-chairman Aminul Islam Laltu and upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad commander Habibur Rahman.

The speakers at the rally said that anti-liberation forces carried out all the subversive activities in the country including the recent Pilkhanna massacre. They demanded trial of the war criminals.

They also called upon the pro-liberation forces to unite and resist the war criminals.

Freedom fighter Habibur Rahman said the meeting will be resisted 'at any cost'.

Contacted, a local Jamaat leader said their party is determined to hold the meeting at the venue on scheduled time as they got the 'official permission'.

Kalaroa Police Station officer-in-charge (OC) Nur Islam said police will be deployed to maintain law and order in the area.

JMB suspect still a police SI 100 militants active in Bogra

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

A sub-inspector (SI), listed by police as an activist of outlawed militant Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) after the countrywide bomb blasts on August 17 2005, is still working in the police department.

Shortly after the countrywide 2005 bomb attacks, police headquarters sent a list of 49 'JMB men' active in several areas of Bogra district, suspecting their involvement in the serial blasts.

The name of AKM Alamgir Jahan Rana alias Masud Rana, hailing from Hinduakandi village in Sariakandi upazila of Bogra district, was mentioned in serial No 11 in the list of 49 suspected JMB activists, Bogra police said.

His father's name was

mentioned as Motiur Rahman, they said.

Talking to this correspondent over cell phone yesterday, SI Rana said he was once a Chhatra Dal worker and now he is posted as an SI in Tangail Sadar Police Station.

Rana said he got help from Shibir leaders for admission to Economics Department in Bogra Azizul Haque College. He, however, denied his involvement with JMB activities.

Tangail Superintendent of Police Abdul Mannan told this correspondent yesterday that SI Rana has already been released for transfer.

Before joining police, Rana started a physical tanning centre for local youths in a rented room at Sariakandi Sarker Market in Sariakandi

upazila, local people said.

Bogra police sources said some 100 JMB activities of several upazilas under Bogra secretly resumed their activities in the area.

At least eight absconding JMB activists including Saiful and Latif of Gabtoli upazila are now active in Bogra with the leadership of newly nominated Sura member for their 'Bogra Division' (eight organising districts) 'Bhagney' Shahid of Saghata upazila in Gaibandha district, JMB sources said.

Many locals of Gabtoli and Sariakandi upazilas keep close contact with SI Masud, sources said. Masud, however, said some local people, not JMB men, contact him as they are his relatives and acquaintances.

Hired goons injure 10 Patuakhali teachers

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Patuakhali

At least 10 teachers of BLP Degree College were injured in an attack by a gang of hired goons yesterday.

Protesting the incident, students of the college went on class boycott for an indefinite period and ransacked classrooms damaging doors and windows.

Seriously injured teacher Jasim Uddin was rushed to Patuakhali general hospital.

According to police, teachers and students, all 64 teachers of the college lodged a written complaint with its president, also Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Patuakhali and local education authority against principal Abdul Maleq Akhond pointing out his corruption including cash looting and other irregularities.

The DC called all teachers and the principal to his office on Thursday to settle the matter. The teachers went to DC office on the due day but the principal abstained.

On Saturday when the students began class boycott protesting the principal's 'corruption,' at least 10 outsiders entered the college and physically assaulted the teachers.

FRIDAY'S STABBING Case against 9 BM College BCL men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A case has been lodged against nine BCL activists accusing them of stabbing two Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) leaders on BM College campus on Friday.

Nizamuddin, president of ICS BM College unit, filed the case with Kowatoli Police Station yesterday.

Some BCL men stabbed Shibir leaders Gholam Kibria and Md Mamun at a field near the campus.

After the incident, the college authorities formed a three-member enquiry committee headed by Prof MA Qudus. The committee has been asked to submit its report within next three days.

BCL took out a procession on the campus protesting filing of the case by the ICS against its nine activists.

Following Friday's clashes at Rajshahi University, BCL and Shibir brought out separate processions and held rallies in Pabna town yesterday, according to our correspondent.

BCL at its rally demanded ban on Shibir politics at educational institutions while Shibir protested attack on its leaders and workers on RU campus and demanded punishment to the persons involved.

Imam, 5 women all in borkha Police suspect their link to JMB

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police on Friday night arrested an Imam of a local mosque and five women, all in *borkha* (veil), from the Lalmoni Exhibition and Trade Fair at stadium ground, suspecting their link to Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

Finding movement of the six veiled people suspicious, Detective Branch men caught them and handed over to Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station at night, police said.

The arrestees are Maulana Abu Sayeed, 34, imam of Khochabari mosque in Lalmonirhat town and hailing from Bholar Chawra Mohendranagar village in Sadar upazila, Chhoti Begum, 32, Eti Begum, 30, Nazma Begum, 28, Aduri Begum, 30, and Shahina Akhter, 22, -- all residents at Namatari village

in Lalmonirhat town. The five women are family members of madrasa teacher Hossain Ali.

Talking to journalists, police quoted Maulana Abu Sayeed as saying, "Three of the women are my sisters-in-law and two others are wives of brothers-in-law. They expressed desire to go to Lalmoni fair at stadium ground but I forbade. As they continued insistence, we went there wearing borkha to avoid being seen by people."

"Police will take necessary steps after interrogation and investigation. They will be sent to the court if their link with JMB is found. Otherwise they will be released from the police station," Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Foyezur Rahman said.

ATTACK BY 'OUTSIDERS' PROTESTED Punish culprits, demand Sylhet medical students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

Students of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College yesterday boycotted classes and put the office of the principal under lock and key for three hours from 11:00am protesting attack on some of their fellows by outsiders on the college playground on Friday.

They also demanded arrest of the attackers including the younger brother of local ward councillor Abdur Raquib Bablu.

A group of about 20 young men, led by councillor's brother Lablu, went to the playground Friday afternoon, stopped the ongoing cricket tournament and beat up some students of the college.

They also threatened the

students of serious consequences if they tried to resume the tournament, which was inaugurated by college Principal Abul Ahbab on March 7.

The agitating students unlocked the principal's office at around 2:00pm and submitted a memorandum containing a four-point demand to the principal.

The students urged the principal to meet the demands within the next 24 hours. Otherwise, they threatened to launch a tougher agitation programme.

The demands include immediate arrest of those responsible for Friday's incident, closure of the canteen in front of the emergency department and ban on outsiders' entry into the campus.

Receiving the students' memo, the college authorities filed a general diary (GD) with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station, official sources said.

The college principal told the newsmen that the outsiders had long been creating trouble for the students on the campus. "We have informed the city mayor of the matter," he said.

Farhad Uddin Chowdhury, president of BCL Osmani Medical College unit, said city corporation councillor Abdur Raquib Bablu and his brother have long been creating trouble for the college students. He demanded punishment to those involved in Friday's incident.

When contacted, councillor Bablu said the city mayor informed him of the incident.

Plying of unsafe boats banned as nor'wester season nears

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Barisal

As the nor'wester season nears, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authorities (BIWTA) have issued a circular asking owners of passenger vessels to strictly abide by the ban on plying of small and unapproved passenger boats on some risky coastal and estuary routes for seven months from today to October 15.

The routes are Shabajpur-Mozuchowdhur Hat, Daulatkha-Mirzakalu-Char Alexander, Char Alexander-Serajganj-Shashiganj-Betua-

Aslampur-Buriabon, Barguna-Patharghata-Baro Machuakati on Meghna, Ilisha, Kocha, Baleswar, Bishkhali, Tentulia river estuaries and in coastal areas.

Only sea truck service is allowed on the routes during the period.

Rafiqul Islam, deputy director of BIWTA in Barisal office, told The Daily Star that they will seek cooperation from different organisations including law enforcement agencies and local administrations for strict imposition of the ban.

A few years ago, the government imposed ban on plying

of small launches in the Meghna estuary for the seven months when storms and cyclones pose danger for passenger launches.

"Only approved water transports like sea trucks will be allowed to ply the wide, turbulent, rough and risky routes in the southern region as nor'wester, cyclone and storm pose danger to lives and properties in water transports during the period of ban," Khalad Newaj, manager of BIWTA Barisal office, told The Daily Star.

Earlier five sea trucks were introduced on the risky routes and fare for each passenger

ranged from Tk 50 to 100.

But influential owners of small launches and trawlers created obstacles to passengers' travelling by sea trucks and the BIWTA stopped service of three sea trucks on different routes following losses due to lack of passengers, the BIWTA manager said.

The deputy commissioner of Bhola said legal action will be taken against violators of the ban on plying of unsafe boats during the period.

During the last several years, a number of launch accidents in the southern region claimed lives of many passengers.

52 houses gutted in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Thakurgaon

At least 52 houses were gutted in fire in two villages Friday afternoon and early yesterday. In first incident, 40 houses

were gutted at Gilabari village under Sadar upazila on Friday.

Fire Service sources said the fire broke out at Sudhir's house due to an electric short

circuit and soon engulfed the adjacent houses.

In another incident, 12 houses were gutted in a devastating fire at Turutbari village under Sadar upazila

early yesterday.

Fire Service and local sources said the fire that broke out at about 12:30am destroyed all 12 houses of the village.



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Requirements : Masters in any discipline preferably with B.Ed. / Masters in Education. Minimum 3 years working experience in education or relevant field. Experience in supervising development activities, staff training/ motivation, coordinating and guiding field activities, developing and maintaining relationship with relevant communities, institutions and GOB agencies at grass root level. Good communication skill in English and Bangla. Valid motorcycle driving license and willingness for regular field visit is essential. **Age :** Maximum 35 years.
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Consolidated Salary : Tk. 13,500 per month
Requirements : Masters in Social Science/ Law. Minimum 2 years experience of working with gender, human rights, or social issues. Understanding and knowledge on awareness raising, advocacy, civic engagement, community mobilization, legal education and other related activities to combat trafficking and violence against women and children. The incumbent must have excellent computer and communication skills both in English and Bangla. Ability and willingness to drive motorcycle and frequent field visit is essential. **Age :** Maximum 35 years.
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Consolidated Salary : Tk. 11,300 per month
Requirements : Masters in any discipline with LLB, LLM will be preferred. S/he must have good communication skill both in English and Bangla. Computer knowledge is appreciated. 1-3 years experience in Law on access to justice is appreciated. The incumbent must have willingness to make frequent field visit with motorcycle. Candidates having motorcycle-driving license will be preferred. The incumbent will be responsible for awareness raising, advocacy, civic engagement, community mobilization, legal, education and other related activities aimed at empowering the rural poor in terms of promoting the principles of gender equality, access to justice and human rights. **Age :** Maximum 35 years.
- Upazila Monitor, Child Rights for Quality Education Project**
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Requirements : Masters in any discipline. Minimum 2-3 years working experience in education or relevant field. Experience in supervising development activities, staff training/ motivation, coordinating and guiding field activities, developing and maintaining relationship with relevant communities, institutions and GOB agencies at grass root level. Good communication skill in English and Bangla. Valid motorcycle driving license and willingness for regular field visit is essential. **Age :** Maximum 35 years.
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Consolidated Salary : Tk. 7,500 per month
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- Field Monitor, School Feeding Project**
Consolidated Salary : Tk. 7,500 per month
Requirements : Masters in any discipline. Minimum two year working experience in any NGO. The incumbent will be responsible for visiting schools, arranging mobilization workshop, liaison with different government and non-government bodies and report writing. Valid motorcycle driving license and willingness for regular field visit. **Age :** Maximum 35 years.
- Programme Assistant, Empowering Poor through Federation Project (Only for women)**
Consolidated Salary : Tk. 5,000 per month
Requirements : Bachelor Degree. Minimum 2 years' relevant experience. Understanding about office management, filling system, administrative support is needed. Computer skill in MS Word, MS Excel with excellent keyboard/ typing speed both in English and Bangla. Hard working and Good command over English and Bangla. **Age :** Maximum 35 years.

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