

Remote Roangchhari den for armed criminals

10 gangs engaged in extortion, abduction, arms and drug smuggling

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Criminal groups including intruders are using remote areas of Roangchhari upazila in the district as dens for conducting criminal activities like extortion, abduction for ransom and smuggling.

Security forces during the last three weeks recovered sophisticated firearms like grenade launchers, M-16 rifles, sub machine guns (SMG), light machine guns (LMG), Ak-47, SLR and huge ammunition from remote areas of Roangchhari and arrested four people.

"Armed members of different criminal groups from Myanmar enter the remote areas and force villagers to give them shelter, especially in jhum ghars (makeshift bamboo-made houses to supervise hill cultivation). They commit various crimes including abduction for ransom," arrested Kew Mong of Aong Jaipara in Roangchhari upazila told the journalists.

Intruders often extort villagers and wood traders



Sophisticated arms including an M-16, an SLR, grenades and bullets seized in a remote area in Roangchhari under Bandarban hill district on Friday.

from other areas and realise ransom after abduction, said several villagers of Aong Jai Karbaripara.

Schoolteachers, VDP leaders, union parishad members, grass roots level political workers are often

made targets for abduction, said a senior citizen in Roangchhari upazila said, adding that 13 indigenous

people of the area were kidnapped in last two months.

"We are living amid threat of abduction," said a public representative.

At least ten criminal groups are active in areas around 173km-long Bangladesh-Myanmar border, a source said, adding that a few of them, directed by foreign militant groups, are engaged in arms trading and smuggling.

They are also involved in drug smuggling, officials said.

Now they are gathering in Roangchhari area from where they can easily move into deep forests.

During 2000 to 2005, BDR and joint forces seized huge arms and ammunition from Naikkhongchhari border areas. However, seizure of arms decreased during the last couple of years.

Recently law enforcers destroyed a big poppy field near Myanmar border.

Anti-arms and anti-smuggling drives will continue, an army officer of Bandarban army region said.



Students of MAG Osmani Medical College in Sylhet stage a sit-in in front of the principal's room yesterday during their strike called in protest against outsiders' attack on students on Friday.

No classes held at Sylhet medical for second day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Classes at Sylhet Osmani Medical College remained suspended for the second day yesterday as Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) enforced strike protesting attack on some students of the college by outsiders on Friday.

The BCL men put the administrative building and classrooms under lock and key and laid a siege to the office of the principal for about an hour.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to the principal demanding punishment to the attackers including local ward councillor Abdur Raquib Bablu and his younger brother Lablu, security of the students on the campus, ban on outsiders' entry into the campus and

closure of the canteen in front of the emergency department.

On Friday, about 20 youths, led by Lablu, went to the college playground, stopped the ongoing cricket tournament and beat up some students.

Protesting the incident, the students of the college boycotted classes on Saturday and took out a procession on the campus demanding arrest of the attackers including CCC ward councillor Bablu and his younger brother Lablu.

The students alleged that Bablu and his brother led the attack on their fellows on the playground on Friday.

Terminating students' allegation against their ward councillor false, Bablu's supporters took out a procession on the road in front of the medical

college yesterday. They also blocked the road for about half an hour.

Meantime, Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran went to the campus and held separate meetings with the college principal and BCL men. He assured the students of taking necessary steps against the persons responsible for the incident on the college campus and urged them to attend their classes.

Later, the mayor sat with the locals and assured them of taking necessary steps to end the dispute between the locals and the students.

Police have been deployed on the medical college campus to avert untoward incident.

ALLEGATION OF CORRUPTION, ATTACK ON TEACHERS

Principal locks college, goes into hiding

Degree students fail to fill up exam forms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Abdul Maleq, principal of BLP Degree College who faces allegation of corruption yesterday put all the rooms of the college under lock and key and allegedly went into hiding.

Meanwhile, many students had to go back home without filling forms for Degree examination yesterday, the last day for submitting them.

This correspondent saw at about 12 noon yesterday that teachers, students and employees are waiting outside the locked main gate of the college.

"The principal locked the college so that we can not enter the college", alleged Mainul, a teacher.

"He is on the run as we filed a fresh case against him alleging attack on us on Saturday," he added.

Tahmina, a student of Degree class said, "I came at 10:00 am to fill up form of my Degree exam but failed as the college is locked." "Today is the last day of filling the form," she said.

"My Degree exam is now uncertain," she added, with a heavy heart.

Like Tahmina, many students yesterday returned home as they could not fill up

their forms of Degree exam.

Earlier, 10 teachers of the college under Sadar upazila were injured on Saturday as some goons allegedly hired by the principal swooped on them.

Protesting the incident, students ransacked classrooms and damaged doors and windows of the college.

Days ago, all 64 teachers of the college filed a written complaint with the governing body chief and deputy commissioner (DC) of Patuakhali and local education ministry authority against principal

Maleq alleging corruption like cash looting and other irregularities.

SECTION 144 IN KALAROA Jamaat postpones Saydee's meeting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sakhira

The administration here imposed Section 144 banning all gatherings at Kalaroa as the pro-liberation forces including freedom fighters and local Jamaat called meetings yesterday at the same venue.

Jamaat-e-Islami called the meeting at Kalaroa high school ground where its leader Delwar Hossain Saydee was scheduled to speak as chief guest.

Due to protest by locals including freedom fighters and imposition of Sec 144, Jamaat finally decided to postpone the meeting, sources said.

Several hundred people brought out a procession and held a rally Saturday protesting a bid to hold 'political

meeting in the name of mahfil' by Saydee at Kalaroa. They vowed to resist the meeting and called a meeting at the same venue on the same day 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.

To avoid untoward incident, the local administration enforced Section 144 at Tala headquarters.

Contacted, Kalaroa UNO Khalil Ahmed said as the rival groups called meetings at the same venue we tried to resolve the issue amicably but it failed.

"So there was no alternative to enforcing Section 144 to avoid untoward incident," he added.

Criminals arrested with arms at Barisal medical

Interns, students demand security

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP) with the help of hospital staff and local people arrested two criminals with arms at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College (BSBMC) campus on Saturday night.

The arrestees are Amirul Islam alias Badam Amirul, a top criminal in the city, and his associate Imran Hossain, a student of Barisal Polytechnic Institute, police said.

Amirul and Imran were moving in different wards of the hospital and campus in search of their 'target' at about 9:30pm on Saturday, said BMP Assistant Commissioner Hayatul Islam.

As the hospital doctors, staff and patients' attendants challenged the outsiders, they tried to flee away but Badam Amirul and Imran were held after a chase.

The two were handed over to police and a revolver, a shooter gun, five bullets and a sharp weapon were seized from their possession.

The arrestees were sent to jail after filing of a case with Kotwali Police Station under Arms Act.

Internee Doctors Association of SBMCH and students of SBMC separately formed human chains and submitted memorandums to the authorities urging measures for safety and security on the campus.

Their demands include regular vigilance to stop trespassers and action against criminal acts on the campus.

"Despite our earlier demand for steps against people posing threat to the security on the hospital compound and medical college campus, the authorities remained indifferent," said a leader of interns.

50 hurt as AL rivals clash in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

At least 50 people were injured in a clash between two factions of local Awami League at Kola Bazar under Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district yesterday.

One faction is led by Abdul Mannan, AL lawmaker from Jhenidah-4 constituency, while the other by Anwarul Azim Anar, secretary of Kaliganj upazila AL.

At around 1:00pm on Saturday, the supporters of Anar beat up Shahabuddin, manager of a fertiliser shop belonging to local JP leader Shahidul Islam, also a loyalist

of Abdul Mannan, following an altercation over a trifling matter at AL worker Badar Thakur's shop.

As Badar Thakur, a supporter of Anar, did not protest the incident, Mannan group became furious and beat him up. He is now undergoing treatment at Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex.

As a sequel to Saturday's incidents, two groups equipped with sharp weapons clashed at the bazaar at around 6:00pm yesterday, leaving at least 50 injured.

Shops belonging to the supporters of both the factions were damaged during the clash that continued for an hour.



Teachers of Patuakhali BLP Degree College keep sitting outside the main entrance yesterday as the principal allegedly fled after locking the college.

Remove embankments, save Boral river and Chalan Beel

Demands human chain in Chatmohar upazila of Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

People from cross sections of people have demanded removal of 'unplanned embankments' to save Boral River and Chalan Beel, the largest water body in the northern region.

They joined a human chain and a discussion on the bank of Boral River in Chatmohar upazila under Pabna district on Saturday afternoon.

NGO Chalan Beel Udyog Society in cooperation with Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) organised the programme where a large number of people including teachers, politicians, social workers and

journalists took part. Speakers at the discussion demanded removal of the 'unplanned' embankments on the river to help the river regain its normal flow.

Boral River originating from the Padma at Charghat point in Rajshahi flows around the Chalan beel areas in Pabna and Natore districts and makes a link among Padma, Jamuna and Chalan Beel.

But unplanned embankments, constructed during the 1980s, at places along 120km of Boral River from Charghat of Rajshahi to Nurnagar of Chatmohar point obstructed its natural flow, speakers said.

Negative impact on Boral River and Chalan Beel due to

man's immature act also caused immense harm to huge fish resources in the area, they said.

"We have launched a movement demanding removal of the unplanned embankments so that the river can flow easily. It is essential to save Chalan Beel, the largest water body in the northern region," said SM Mizanur Rahman, executive director of Chalan Beel Udyog Society.

Chairman of Chalan Beel Udyog Society Dr Anjon Bhattacharya, veteran politician Babu Gourachandra Sarkar, president of Chatmohar Press Club Helalur Rahman Jewel, schoolteacher Sajahan Ali spoke, among others, on the occasion.

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Invitation for Tenders

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.					
2. Agency	Military Engineer Services (Army).					
3. Procuring entity name	CMES (Army) Dhaka.					
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.					
5. Invitation for	Procurement of goods.					
6. Invitation Ref No.	3001/NT/ /E-3.					
7. Date	08 March 2009.					
8. Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).					
9. Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (Revenue).					
10. Project/programme code	As per Annual Procurement Plan 2008-2009.					
11. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Maint works.					
12. Tender publication date	Up to 17 March 2009.					
13. Tender last selling date & time	06 April 2009 on 1400 hours.					
14. Tender dropping last date and time	07 April 2009 on 1200 hours.					
15. Tender opening date and time	07 April 2009 at 1230 hours.					
16. Name & address of the office(s) Selling tender document Receiving tender document Opening tender document	CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt. CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt. CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt.					
17. Eligibility of tenderer	MES enlisted contractor 'D' & 'E' class & equivalent class contractors enlisted with other govt./semi-govt./other organization having security clearance from DGFI alongwith up-to-date attested photocopy of trade license, VAT Reg. & IT certificate & bank statement.					
18. Brief description of works	Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of CMES (Army) Dhaka Cantt (Taka refundable)	Completion time in week/month/year
	a.	Repair & repainting of existing steel furniture for various unit and Qtrs of SDO F/S under GE (Army) Maint South, Dhaka Cantt.	GE (Army) Maint South, Dhaka Cantt.	500/-	14,000/-	01 (one) year
	b.	Supply of Bazar Materials (hardware items) for SDO B/R-II under GE (Army) Maint South, Dhaka Cantt.	GE (Army) Maint South, Dhaka Cantt.	500/-	14,000/-	01 (one) year
	c.	Recaning of all sorts of chair with nylon strips/Sylhet cane of SDO F/S under GE (Army) Maint North, Dhaka Cantt.	GE (Army) Maint North, Dhaka Cantt.	500/-	14,000/-	01 (one) year
19. Name of official inviting tender	CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt.					
20. Designation of official inviting tender	Lt Col.					
21. Address of official inviting tender	CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt.					
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23. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.						

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