

## 60 INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE ON RAJSHAHI CAMPUSES 30 killed since independence but no instance of justice

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

At least 30 people including 27 students were killed and over 2,500 injured in some 60 incidents of student violence on campuses of different educational institutions in Rajshahi since the independence.

There has been hardly any instance of justice, while reports of the probe committees never came to light, say sources on Rajshahi campuses.

The latest March 13 violence left a student killed and around 100 injured on Rajshahi University (RU) campus and surrounding areas.

It led to indefinite closure of all higher educational institutions including RU, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology and Rajshahi Medical College, leaving academic life of nearly 60,000 students to uncertainty with impending session jams.

Earlier cases for only five killings in two incidents of violence at RU were tried in the court.

Four Islami Chhatra Shibir activists from outside the campus Abdul Jabbar, Ayub Ali, Abdul Hamid and Sabbir were killed in the RU violence in February 1982.

Following a case, a Rajshahi court awarded life term to the accused persons including the then Chhatra Moitree leader Fazle Hossain Badsha but the convicts got president's clemency following movement during Ershad's regime.

In April 1989, ICS activist Shafiqul Islam was killed near RU Senate Bhavan. In the case, all the accused people including the then Chhatra Moitree leader Ragib Ahsan Munna were acquitted from the court.

Other cases filed for killing some 15 ICS activists and 12 students belonging to Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Bangladesh Chhatra Union and pro-JSD Chhatra League did not even see proper investigation.

Moitree activist Mostak Elahi was killed in 1980, ICS activists Aslam Hossain and Asgor Ali were killed in the November 1988 incident while BCU worker Tapan Sarker, Moitree worker Rupom and JCD workers Biswajit and Notun were killed in February 1991.

Besides, Dr Pinku and Jamil Akhtar Ratan of Rajshahi Medical College and Rimu, Amanullah, Yahia, Azibor Rahman, Mostafijur Rahman, Ismail

Hossain Siraji, Saifuddin of RU are on the victim's list.

RU ICS general secretary Sharifujjaman Noman's name has now added on the long list of casualties of student violence.

Teachers and civil society members, interviewed by The Daily Star, have demanded proper probe into the latest violence and punishment of the perpetrators.

They cited various reasons including not trying the perpetrators of previous incidents of violence over political influence as reasons for repeated occurrence of campus violence.

Student organisations' competition for dominance in halls and campuses, 'business' from admission into institutions and seat distribution in dormitories, political persons' commercial interest from coaching centres and other profitable organisations and authorities' biased role toward ruling party's student fronts are also responsible for the situation, they said.

RU vice chancellor and Rajshahi police commissioner declined to comment on the matter.

### Rapist of dumb girl gets life

A CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in Kurigram yesterday sentenced a man to life-term imprisonment for raping a dumb girl.

Judge Nurunnahar Begum awarded life term to Anwar Hossain, 28, of Montola Char in Chilmari upazila in absentia and also fined him Tk 2,000, in default, he is to suffer two months more in jail.

According to prosecution, Anwar raped the dumb girl at a desolate place near the bank of the Brahmaputra when she was returning home alone on July 4, 2003.

Later, victim's mother filed a case against the culprit.

## 7 outlaws get life for murder in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A court here yesterday sentenced all seven members of an outlawed party to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) in the sensational medicine trader Kamrul Huda Ponir murder case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tangail, Tabassum Islam delivered the verdict in a crowded courtroom and also fined the convicts Tk 5,000 each. In default, they will have to suffer three months more in jail.

The convicts are Tota, Hassan, Omar Faruque of village Uttar Hagra, Abu Jafar of village Khord Jugni and Tula and Shamim of village Dhalan Gopalpur under Tangail Sadar upazila. They were active cadres of the extremist Biplobi Communist Party (BCP). Jafar, Tota and Shamim were present at the court during delivery of judgment. The rest four were tried in absentia.

According to the proceedings of the case, the outlaws hacked Kamrul Huda Ponir, 30, a medicine trader at Main Road in the town when he was

returning to his Paradise Para residence in the town from the medicine shop at around 10:00pm on July 10, 2002. The attackers fled the scene after Ponir died on the spot.

A day after the killing, Ponir's elder brother Shamsul Huda filed a murder case against the seven people with Tangail Police Station.

Sources said, Ponir was a witness to the Baghil Union Parishad Chairman Salam Ullah Majnu murder case filed with Tangail Sadar Police Station in 2000. Salam was also killed allegedly by the extremists.

## Rivals in politics, partners in tender scam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Although rivals in politics, leaders of BNP and Awami League in Rangpur have showed up as 'friendly partners' to manipulate tender for two construction work orders worth Tk3 crore under Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).

Rafiqul Islam Dulal, Awami League (AL) former president of Sadar upazila unit, and Pirgachha upazila unit BNP secretary Aminul Islam Ranga reached a 'negotiation' to get the two work orders.

Accordingly, leaders and activists of the two parties thronged Rangpur LGED office on Monday to ensure that 'opponent contractors' could not drop the schedule.

LGED sources said 80 tender schedules were sold for the two work orders. But only six contractors including Rafiqul Islam Dulal and Aminul Islam Ranga dropped tender documents.

On February 27, Rangpur LGED floated a notice inviting contractors to participate in the tender to construct a road in two parts from Nekmahmud to Kandi Union Parishad office under Pirgachha upazila.

March 15 was the last date for purchasing tender schedule

while March 16 was fixed for its dropping and tender box opening. Only three contractors including Dulal and Ranga dropped tender documents for each work.

A contractor of LGED preferring anonymity said Dulal and Ranga managed with money majority of the contractors, who are known as AL and BNP leaders.

As a few non-partisan contractors did not accept the 'negotiation', AL and BNP leaders and activists kept guard at Rangpur LGED office to prevent them from dropping tender documents.

When contacted over cell phone, executive engineer of Rangpur LGED told this correspondent that he had been in Dhaka for two days.

Assistant Engineer of LGED, who was in-charge during the executive engineer's stay in Dhaka, said, "We don't care for what has happened outside the department. We must declare the tender formally as more than one contractor participated in the tender for each work."

As Dulal and Ranga mentioned lowest rates, the department must assign them with works as per the Public Procurement Regulation, he said.

## Pro-AL employees at Ruet assault pro-BNP teachers

RU CORRESPONDENT

A group of pro-Awami League employees of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) yesterday assaulted pro-BNP teachers over teachers' association election slated for March 22.

The employees alleged that the outgoing president of Ruet Teachers' Association formed a three-member election commission without convening a general meeting of the teachers.

Meanwhile, pro-AL teachers of the university yesterday announced that they would boycott the March 22 election as they said the commission formed to conduct the election is not neutral and non-partisan.

They submitted a memorandum to Ruet Vice-

Chancellor Prof Fazlul Bari, saying that a group of teachers formed the commission without discussing the issue at a general meeting of the association.

The employees also urged the VC to form a neutral election commission taking opinion of all teachers.

Campus sources said the employees, led by Employees Association Secretary Rokonzuzanna, met Ruet Teachers' Association President Prof Sheikh Nizam-uddowla at his office in the morning and asked him to postpone the 'one sided' election.

At one stage, the employees became furious, ransacked the teachers' association office and assaulted some pro-BNP teachers sitting in the president's room.

Sources said the employees warned the pro BNP teachers of dire consequences if they go for the election without participation of pro-AL teachers.

Following the incident, a tense situation has been prevailing on the Ruet campus.

Pro-BNP teachers submitted a memorandum to the VC in the afternoon demanding exemplary punishment to the employees involved in assaulting their colleagues.

They also decided to refrain themselves from all university activities protesting the incident.

When contacted, VC Prof Fazlul Bari said he will sit with both sides immediately to resolve issue relating to teachers' association election.

## Principal's room ransacked, 8 teachers hurt in attack

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A gang of around 20 allegedly led by a local BCL leader yesterday attacked the office room of the principal of Mohendra Nagar College under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila to take control of the college management.

The gang ransacked the room and injured eight teachers including the principal. They are undergoing treatment at local health complex.

According to principal Enamul Haque, a gang of 20 led by Chhatra League upazila unit president Omar Faruk attacked his room, saying that they want to take control of the college ousting the teachers recruited during BNP-Jamaat rule.

"Though we have been recruited during the BNP-Jamaat rule, we don't belong to any political party," the principal said.

Following the incident, the governing body that is now run by pro-BNP men suspended the classes for an indefinite period.

## Cancellation of 'stage-managed' college union poll demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna city unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday demanded cancellation of the 'stage-managed' election of students' union of Government Majid Memorial City College.

They also demanded immediate removal of a teacher, acting as election body chief.

The acting president of Khulna city JCD Sheikh Sadi told journalists at press club that a group of BCL activists backed by some outsiders prevented leaders of JCD from filing nomination papers on Monday for election to the students' union scheduled for March 30.

The chairman of the election committee helped BCL leaders to keep JCD leaders out of the election, he further alleged.

Contacted, BCL president of the college unit Debudul Baroi denied the allegations saying that JCD leaders did not at all try to submit nomination papers 'fearing shameful defeat' in the ensuing election.

## Indigenous people still deprived of rights

### Speakers tell seminar in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Indigenous people are major victims of human rights violation for the last 38 years since independence despite their contributions to various movements in the country including liberation war in 1971 and language movement in 1952.

They also have a notable role in national economy but the successive political governments neither paid any sincere attention to their rights nor resolved their issues.

Speakers observed this at a seminar yesterday. The seminar was organised by Jatiya Adibashi Parishad of Dinajpur and held at Dinajpur Press Club.

Advocate Sultana Kamal,

former advisor to caretaker government, prominent human rights activists, local elites and political figures spoke at the seminar.

Laxmi Kanta Hasda, President of Dinajpur unit of Jatiya Adibashi Parishad presided while Rabin Nath Soren, General Secretary of Central Jatiya Adibashi Parishad presented the key note paper.

At the seminar, the speakers observed that life of indigenous people is worsening every day. Despite their valuable contributions to national issues and economy they are still deprived of their constitutional rights, they said.

The speakers said that the indigenous people do not get

proper health care at government hospitals as doctors and nurses often ignore them.

Besides, there is no concrete move yet to establish a separate ministry to check violation of their rights and ensure quick justice to their issues while they are still shouting for constitutional recognition.

Sultana Kamal said, today there is a dire need for change in attitude towards the indigenous communities as they have already made their presence felt in almost every field of society and national economy.

As they are playing their role effectively, the political governments should also take effective steps to resolve their issues without delay, she added.

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR**  
**DESIGN, SUPPLY, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF**  
**230/132/33 kV GAS INSULATED SWITCHGEAR (GIS) SUBSTATION**  
**AT OLD-AIRPORT ON TURNKEY BASIS**  
**UNDER ADB'S SUSTAINABLE POWER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

PGCB Memo No.: 01/PGCB/Sec(Design)/2009/1021 Date: March 16, 2009  
Loan No. 2332-BAN: Sustainable Power Sector Development Project  
Contract No. : PGCB/SPSDP/SS/03  
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**Dead Line for Bids: 11.00 am BST on June 02, 2009**

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan under Sustainable Power Sector Development Project from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the Contract No. PGCB/SPSDP/SS/03 for Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 230/132/33 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) Substation at Old-Airport on Turnkey basis.
- The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 230/132 /33 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) Substation at Old-Airport on Turnkey basis as defined in the bidding document (hereinafter referred to as "the Works"). The Works are as follows:
  - Indoor type 230/132/33 kV GIS substation at Old-Airport with power transformer, switchgear, control, protection, communication and associated equipment and civil works.
 Details of the scope of work are specified in the bidding document.
- International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries.
- Bidders shall meet, the following minimum requirements along with other requirements as mentioned in the bidding documents:
  - Bidders (partner in charge in case of Joint Venture) must have successfully completed on turnkey basis, at least three (3) comparable project (i.e. Design, supply, installation and commissioning of GIS substation of at least two (2) bays of 220 kV or higher voltage level together with 100 MVA or higher capacity transformer) within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals of which at least one installation shall be in successful operation for minimum of three years. Bidders must also have project management experience (experience of partner in charge in case of Joint Venture) to demonstrate their management capability in at least one turnkey project (contract amount should not be less than US\$ 6.0 million) outside their own country or in the case of a Bangladeshi Bidder, in Bangladesh or elsewhere within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals. Each Partner of the Joint Venture other than the partner in charge must have successfully completed at least one Contract including design, supply erection, testing & commissioning of 110 kV or higher voltage level GIS/AIS substation as contractor or subcontractor within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals.
  - Bidders shall provide Audited Financial statements or other forms of Financial Statements such as Balance Sheets/Financial Statements certified by a registered accountant and supported by copies of tax returns for the last three (3) years as documentary evidence regarding Liquid Assets and Annual Turnover with their Bids. The minimum Liquid Assets & Annual Turnover for the Bidder's organization or Joint Venture shall not be less than the following:
    - Liquid Assets: US\$ 3.0 million, for the last year
    - Annual Turnover: US\$ 15.0 million, average of last three (3) years
 The partner in charge in case of Joint Venture shall meet not less than 50% and each partner of the Joint Venture shall meet not less than 25% of the minimum criteria given above item (b)(i) & (ii).
- The Works under this turnkey contract shall be completed within 24 (Twenty Four) months from the date of Contract effective date.
- Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect and purchase the bidding documents at the following address:  
Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB),  
Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) Bhaban (4th floor),  
Ramna, Dhaka-1000  
Tel No.: 880-2-9555475, 9550514, 9558054  
Fax No.: 880-2-7171833
- To purchase the Bidding Document, Bidders should:
  - Submit a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB at the above address.
  - pay a nonrefundable fee of USD 300.00 (United States Dollar three hundred only) or Tk. 21,000.00 (Taka twenty one thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favor of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd
  - Bidding Document may also be sent through courier for an additional fee of Taka 500.00 (for local delivery) or US\$ 50.00 (for overseas delivery).
- Bidders are to submit simultaneously two sealed envelopes, one containing the technical bid and another containing the price bid. Initially only the technical bids will be opened. The price bids will remain un-opened and will be kept in the custody of the Employer until the time of opening of the price bids.
- Deliver your Bids to:
  - The office of the Company Secretary at the above mentioned address.
  - On or before 11:00am Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on June 02, 2009.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US\$ 350,000 (United States Dollar three hundred fifty thousand only) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. The bid security must be included with the technical bid.
- The technical bids will be opened immediately at 11.05 am BST at the above address in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- The price bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the time and date and at the address to be advised by the Employer after approval of the ADB of the evaluation of the technical bids.
- In the comparison of bids, ADB's Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Bidding Document.
- PGCB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids including costs and expenses related to visits to the sites of installation of the Works.

(Md. Ashraf Hossain)  
Company Secretary