

Police sergeants paint grim picture of sealed fate

Many serving the same post for over two decades

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"It's over 24 years that I am in the same post. Some people who were born in the year of our joining are now working with us in the same rank. There are instances of our batch-mates' daughters getting married to see us as colleagues of their husbands enjoying the same rank and status."

similar tales to tell, indicating serious resentment growing among them over the awfully slow process of promotion. They expect an end to the 'discrimination' so that their departmental status upgrades and social and family honour increases.

implemented after around one and a half years," said the sergeant who joined the service in 1989. Filing cases against influential persons for violation of traffic rule often put them in troublesome situation, said a few sergeants present on the occasion.

them indulge in different crimes and unethical activities, said a sergeant. The sergeants suggested that creation of traffic inspector and patrol inspector posts in every district as well as engaging the sergeants of traffic department in highway duties could put an end to the stalemate regarding promotion.



Milk traders stage protest

Agitating milk traders at Bera Bazar in Pabna district pouring milk on Pabna-Sirajganj highway demanding steps to save milk production and processing industry. The traders in Bera and Santhia upazilas, who flooded roads with over 50 thousand litres of milk during last two days, said their business is now threatened as collection centres drastically reduced milk purchase from them in the wake of import of huge quantity of what they claimed low quality milk from India.

Rural livelihood fair ends

A CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A three-day 'rural livelihood fair' arranged by NGO Development Wheel on Pogaldigha College ground at Tarakandi in Shahrashabari under Jamalpur district ended yesterday.

Earlier on Friday, Prof HKS Arefeen of the Department of Anthropology of Dhaka University, also chairman of Development Wheel, inaugurated the fair as chief guest while Jamalpur Additional District Magistrate Belayath Hossain Talukder, Pogaldigha College Principal Muazzam Hossain, local UP chairman Shamsuddin, and farmer Nazimuddin were present as special guests.

Open discussion on climate change, children's art competition, cultural programme, essay competition on agriculture and Bangladesh, farmers talk on right and responsible use of agro inputs, debate on the use of organic fertiliser, video show on agriculture and socio-economic development Bangladesh marked the three-day programme.

Twenty-two stalls displaying products of farmers and rural craftsmen and artists and water and sanitation programmes were set up in the fair. The fair, aiming at promoting agriculture and biodiversity and creating awareness on climate change, will contribute to sustainable development of rural livelihoods, especially among the char dwellers, said delegates and organisers at the fair.

Barcik is coordinating the fair supported by Oxfam-GB.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Students of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University yesterday demonstrate at the Administrative Building after confining the VC and several other teachers to press demands.

CLASS BOYCOTT ON AT HAJEE DANESH UNIVERSITY VC, teachers confined for realising demand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The students of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) yesterday confined Vice Chancellor Prof Md Afzal Hossain along with several other teachers and staffs for realisation of their demands including introduction of internship programme with 'decent allowance'.

The confined persons could not be rescued till filing of this report at 7:30pm. Earlier on Thursday, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) students of the university started an indefinite class boycott programme as the authorities

failed to meet their demands within the deadline that ended the previous day.

Students of five other faculties of the institution also joined the BBA students to realise the demands.

When contacted, HSTU Proctor Prof Md Ruhul Amin said university authorities formed a 13-members committee headed by former acting vice-chancellor of Prof Md Ruhul Amin to look into the students' demand.

During a visit to the university yesterday this correspondent saw several senior teachers trying to persuade the agitating students to withdraw their programme.

But the students remained

stiff on their stance saying that they are tired of hearing assurances of starting internship course under various faculties for the last three years.

In the morning, students brought out a procession on the campus and locked the Academic Building confining around a hundred students, teachers and staffs. Later teachers with the help of police opened the gate after breaking the locks.

But the agitating students again gathered inside the Administrative Building and blocked its first and second floor staircases at 11:30am when the vice chancellor along with a number of teachers and staff got confined.

They clash even at festival

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least five BCL men were wounded in a factional clash at Basanti Puja festival at Borobari in Bochaganj upazila yesterday, police and party sources said.

Three of the wounded were identified as Shanker, Ahad and Tuhin.

A feud developed in the evening over a raffle draw lottery at the puja mandap (stage). At one stage, it turned into a violent clash. The clashing groups equipped with sharp weapons including hockey sticks and wooden sticks attacked each other leaving five people injured.

Police and local senior AL leaders rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Cop's arms 'missing'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A pistol and 16 bullets of a police official of Patkelghata Police Station in Tala upazila 'mysteriously went missing' on Saturday night.

Satkhira Superintendent of Police (SP) Abu Sufian yesterday formed a probe team led by Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Abdul Hannan to look into the incident.

A three-member police team led by Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Amirul Islam went to arrest a drug peddler at village Garerdanga in Tala upazila at about 10 pm. When they returned to Patkelghata Police Station Amirul found that he had lost his pistol and the bullets.

36 sued in Rajshahi, Comilla for '71 killing

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Two separate cases were yesterday filed against 36 alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces for killing two freedom fighters in Rajshahi and Comilla in 1971.

In Rajshahi, Majedur Rahman Majnu, son of martyred freedom fighter Moej Uddin Pramanik of Puthia, filed a case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Rajshahi, accusing five identified and 25 unidentified people of killing his father in Charghat upazila during Liberation War in 1971, reports our staff correspondent.

The five identified accused are Abdus Samad of Badhua, Moslem Ali of Maria, Abdul Majed of Baduria and Abdus Samad of Maria under Charghat upazila, and Bakkar Ali of Namajgram under

Puthia upazila. The plaintiff in his case mentioned that around 25 unidentified members of Al Shams, Al Badr and razakars were also involved in the murder. Judge Abu M Amimul Ehsan accepted the case and asked Charghat police to take necessary legal actions after investigation.

The complainant further said the accused picked up his father from their house and killed him in front of Charghat Dakbungalaw. Six alleged collaborators (rajakars) of Chouddagram upazila under Comilla district were sued yesterday for killing an organiser of the Liberation War in 1971.

Monwara Begum, wife of martyred freedom fighter Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan, filed the case with the Judicial Magistrate Court no 4,

Comilla, according to UNB.

The accused are M Mostafa Molla, 75, Abdullah Mollah, 55, Obaidul Haq Molla, 53, Julfu Molla, Bhanu Molla and Ashraf Molla. Of them, Julfu, Bhanu and Ashraf were killed by the freedom fighters on December 16, 1971.

Judicial Magistrate M Zahiruddin accepted the case and asked the officer in-charge (OC) of Chouddagram Police Station to take necessary legal actions in this regard.

In the case statement, Monwara said the accused along with a group of Pakistani militia picked up Abdus Sattar from their house at Karpati village on June 16, 1971.

The collaborators took Sattar to Belpur village and killed him. Local people later recovered the body and buried it at Karpari Majumder Bari graveyard.

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Sacked dockers call hartal at Mongla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Over 4,000 sacked dockers of Mongla port have called a half-day hartal (strike) at Mongla upazila headquarters including the port area on Tuesday to press home their five-point demand.

The demands include payment of all arrears, cancellation of labour law (amendment) ordinance 2008 promulgated by immediate past caretaker Government, immediate action against 11 mafias detected by the parliamentary standing committee of the Ministry of Shipping in 2004, re-installation of call station booking system and removal of corrupt officials of Mongla Port Authority.

They announced their hartal call at a rally held at Mongla Shramik Sangha

maiden on Saturday. They will also bring out a hungry procession on April 9. They will carry empty plates and utensils in the procession. They declared that they will lay a siege to the office of Mongla Port Authority on April 12 if their demands are not met by today.

The sacked dockers will go on a tougher agitation after April 12 if their demands are not met within the stipulated period, said Mongla Port Shramik Sangha General Secretary Shahabuddin Ahmed.

Meanwhile, security measures have been stepped up in Mongla Port area following announcement of the hartal.

Stern action will be taken against those who will try to hamper normal cargo handling at the port, said a senior official of the port authority.



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Bheramara-Jessore-Khulna Gas Pipeline Implementation Movement Committee forms a human chain at Daratana Moar in Jessore town yesterday protesting alleged move to cancel gas pipeline project from Bheramara to Khulna via Jessore.

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