

AL men attack Bhola, Magura poura offices

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Ruling party activists have ransacked municipality offices at Bhola and Magura and assaulted staff.

Activists of Awami League (AL), Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jubo League yesterday stormed into Bhola Pourasava (municipality) office for what they said the panel mayor's dishonouring a letter sent by LGED, state Minister Jahangir Kabir Nanak regarding development of the pourasava, according to our correspondent.

They damaged doors and windows of the building and had an altercation with panel mayor Humayun Kabir Shofan, also former vice-president of BNP district unit. Shofan refuted the allegation.

The agitating AL men then went to the sadar upazila complex in a procession and assaulted Velimla UP Chairman Shahjahan Badsha, Ali Nagar UP Chairman Jamaluddin, and Veduria UP chairman Taher Kazi there.

They also ransacked BNP office in front of the pourasava building. Anwar Hossain, BNP district unit secretary, condemned the attack on their office by the AL men.

Shahjahan Sheikh, officer in charge (OC) of Bhola Sadar Police Station, said the situation is under control and police are patrolling the area.

Our Magura correspondent adds: Officials and employees of Magura Pourasava yesterday abstained from work for three hours protesting attack on one of their colleagues allegedly by BCL men on Tuesday.

During work abstention, officials and employees of the Pourasava also staged a sit-in in front of their office.

Sources said a group of BCL activists, led by former president Abu Reza Nantu and convenor of BCL municipality unit Lion Chopder, stormed into the pourasava office at around 11:30am and asked the office assistant Shahjahan Mia to give a tender schedule for development work at free of cost. As he refused to comply, the BCL men beat him up.

Acting mayor Tapon Kumar Roy also filed a complaint with the deputy commissioner (DC).

When contacted, Abu Reza Nantu refuted the allegation, saying the acting mayor brought allegation against me only to tarnish my political image.



A colourful procession marking the rathajatra of Sri Sri Jagannath Dev parades several streets of port city Chittagong yesterday. City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury is seen among the participants.

WAR CRIMES IN 1971

6 sued for killing 2 FFs

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Six people have been sued on charge of killing two freedom fighters during the Liberation War in Natore and Sathkira districts.

Son of a martyred freedom fighter yesterday filed a petition with Natore Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court against five 'rajakars' for killing his father, reports a correspondent from Natore.

The accused are Zinnat Ali and Abul Kasem of Gouripur village, Abdul Kader and Hasem of Haibatpur village, Habibur Rahman of Arjunpur village in Natore Sadar upazila.

According to the case statement filed by Abdul Aziz Akand, son of freedom fighter Amir Ali Akand of village Haibatpur in Natore Sadar upazila, the accused stormed their house on August 17, 1971 and killed Amir Ali by slitting his throat.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Sharif Uddin Ahmed asked the officer-in-charge of Natore Sadar Police Station to accept the petition as an FIR and submit a report to the court after proper investigation.

Our Sathkira Correspondent adds: An alleged collaborator of the then Pakistan occupation army has been sued for killing

a freedom fighter in Assasuni upazila in 1971.

The accused, Mozahar Ali Sardar of village Gadaipur in Assasuni upazila, and his accomplices took freedom fighter Nawsher Ali to Chapra Rajakar camp and killed him on May 10 in 1971, goes the case statement filed on Tuesday by Nawsher's son Nazim Uddin of the same village.

They had also set fire to the house after looting cash and other valuables, it adds.

After hearing, Judicial Magistrate MA Sayeed ordered the officer in charge of Assasuni Police Station to accept the petition as an FIR and file a case against the accused.

5 Myanmar citizens held for intrusion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Police arrested five Myanmar citizens at Soroi under Lama upazilla of Bandarban district on Tuesday night on charge of illegal entry into Bangladesh.

They are Nurul Alam, 30, Ziaur Rahman, 22, Sayedul Alam, 18, Abdul Hakim, 20 and Zafar, 20.

Acting on a tip-off, law enforcers from Soroi police camp arrested the five while they were looking for a shelter at the village.

Police said the five are residents of Akiyab under Buchdong Police Station of Myanmar. They were yesterday produced in the Judicial Magistrate's Court that sent them to jail.

Meanwhile, security forces have started combing operation in Roangchari upazila and its surrounding areas to rescue a construction labourer, who was abducted by armed miscreants on Tuesday night.

Local sources said a gang of miscreants picked up two labourers—Alam Majhi, 40, and Shabbir, 29—from Roangchari at around 11:30pm. They later released Shabbir and took Alam to an unknown place.

Sources said armed gangs introducing themselves as members of Democratic Party of Arakan are engaged in criminal activities, including extortion and kidnapping, in south-eastern part of Roangchari upazila and bordering areas of Ruma and Thanchi upazilas.

Dilly-dally costs Tk 1.25cr from govt coffers

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) will have to spend at least an additional amount of Tk 1.25 crore for construction work of a bailey bridge on the Bangali River as the department failed to hand over the site to the contractor about four years after the work order.

The RHD Bogra Division issued work order on September 1, 2005 in favour of Md Shamsul Haque for construction of 185.50-metre bailey bridge at a cost of Tk 2.60 crore in Sariakandi upazila of Bogra district, said Md Mostafa Kamal, superintending engineer (SE) of RHD Bogra Circle.

RHD office sources said the bridge construction project was initiated in 2004-2005 financial year to connect the regional highway on both sides of the river at an approved cost of Tk 2.65,67,297 to complete the works within 24 months but bidder Shamsul Haque quoted Tk 2.59,80,845 to complete the works in due time under RHD schedule

rate of 2003.

"Due to some unavoidable reasons, the department could not hand over the site and ensure the diversion road and so, the construction work is yet to start," said the superintending engineer.

The date for construction of the bridge is yet to be fixed, sources said.

Following price rise of construction materials, the contractor submitted application to the authorities for re-fixing the prices but the department failed to take a decision in due time.

Meanwhile the RHD last year re-scheduled their rates and according to the new estimate the construction cost increased to Tk 3,94,40,051 from earlier Tk 2,65,67,297. However, the estimated cost did not match with the contractor's expectations and he submitted another application for appointment of arbitrator to resolve the issue.

SE Mostafa Kamal said he sent a letter requesting the higher authorities to appoint an arbitrator on November 12 last year but the matter is yet to be finalised.

SNIPPETS

Acquitted for lack of evidence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday acquitted all 28 accused in a 2003 murder case for lack of adequate evidence. According to the prosecution story, the accused used to buy food items on credit from Abdul Matin, a grocer at village Tupiajuri in Baniachang upazila in Habiganj district. As Matin one day declined to sell on credit on ground of huge arrear dues, they got agitated and attacked his house. They even beat Matin's wife and hit his old father Oliullah with lethal weapons, causing his instant death. Abdul Matin later filed a case against 34. Among the accused four died during the trial.

'Punish killers of Nima'

RU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers and students of Management Department of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday urged the authorities concerned for 'fair' investigation into killing of Lima Parvin alias Nima and demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits. The students yesterday submitted a memorandum with around 500 signatures to the principal of Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital (RMCH) for 'proper' post-mortem report. Nima, a first year student of RU Management Department, was allegedly killed on July 10 at her father-in-law's house for dowry at village Jagirpara in Puthia upazila of Rajshahi. On July 14, the victim's father filed a case.

Boy electrocuted, 7 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A boy was electrocuted while seven others received injuries at a temple in Shovarampur area in the town yesterday. Sajol Modhu, 10, son of Suren Modhu of village Leububari under Kotlipara of Gopalganj, died on the spot when he came in contact with live wire while riding a merry-go-round on the temple premises. Seven other boys were also injured in the incident. They were rushed to Faridpur Medical College Hospital and Faridpur General Hospital.

BDR men's bail prayer rejected

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A court on Tuesday rejected the bail prayer of 15 BDR men of Lalmonirhat 31 Rifles Battalion and sent them to jail. Lalmonirhat Sadar police arrested the BDR men after the BDR mutiny at Pilkhana on May 11. The arrest followed a case filed by OC Foyezur Rahman in this regard. Police said, the BDR men of Lalmonirhat fired over hundred bullets in the air on February 26 last in support of the mutiny at Pilkhana.

12 get life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday sentenced 12 people to life-term imprisonment and fined each of the convicts Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer one more year in jail for killing a retired BDR man in Muladi upazila on October 17, 2004. According to the prosecution story, Rafiqul Islam Khokan, a retired BDR personnel, was murdered by the accused at Mira Char (over a land dispute) in Shahar Banu, mother of the victim, lodged a murder case on October 18, 2004 with Muladi police station. SI Abdul Aziz Laskar, investigation officer of the case, submitted charge sheet against 12 accused on August 30, 2005.

Brothel gutted, 19 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

At least 183 houses at C&B ghat brothel was gutted Tuesday night. Police arrested 19 people on suspicion of setting fire. Locals said, the fire originated from the house of one Minu, a housekeeper of the brothel at around 10:30 pm. It spread quickly and damaged almost all the houses of the brothel. However, the inmates of the brothel alleged that the fire incident was planned and aimed at evicting them from the place.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Rajshahi Shahar Rakkha Sangram Parishad forms a human chain at Shaheb Bazar yesterday demanding special allocation in the national budget for saving the Padma River, protecting Rajshahi from desertification and overall development of the region.

Sec 144 in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

The local administration yesterday imposed Section 144 in and around Barabazar under Nabinagar upazila of the district as Jamaat-e-Islam and Muktiyoddha Sangsad called their meetings at the same venue.

Jamaat announced a workers' meeting at Barabazar where the party's central Assistant Secretary General Abdul Kader Mollah was scheduled to attend as the chief guest.

Local freedom fighters sharply reacted to the matter and declared 'listed war criminal' Kader Mollah 'unwanted' in the area.

Demanding Kader Mollah's punishment for war crimes, local Muktiyoddha Sangsad also called their meeting at the same venue yesterday.

The administration imposed Section 144 at the venue as a meeting between the parties failed to reach any consensus.

JMB suspect claims he belongs to Allar Dal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Arrested JMB suspect Shafiqul Islam claims that he is a member of Allar Dal and many of his outfit activists are working in Manikganj.

Manikganj Sadar police arrested Shafiq, 26, from a rented house at village Dasheda on June 14.

During interrogation, Shafiq said he had no connection with JMB and his party chief Matin Mehdi is now in jail. Mehdi was convicted in a case linked to August serial bomb attack across the country. Ibrahim Ahmed Hero of Pabna is now the acting chief of the party, he said.

Shafiq said at police remand that he came to Keraniganj of Dhaka five years ago from his village home

Moamari under Nageswari police station in Kurigram district and started working at a small garment factory owned by one Kashem in Ispahani area. His colleague Mizan of Gaibandha gave him the 'preliminary lesson' and later took him to Matin Mehdi at Khilgaon of Dhaka three years ago. Shafiq and five others took oath before Mehdi to work for the party.

Shafiq said he rose to the position of second in command (Jugma Naek) of Manikganj Sadar upazila about six months ago. As per party decision he came to Manikganj and started staying with 'district chief' Mamun at a rented house owned by Jamaat district secretary Advocate Anwar Hossain at Bewtha.

About three months ago Mamun was sent to

Chittagong and Rekaul of Pabna took charges of Manikganj district. Rekaul shifted the address to Dasheda village and started expanding party network with aides Shafiq and Nazrul.

Shafiq told interrogators that his party activists are not involved with any criminal activity. They only try to convince people to follow the Holy Quran.

Contacted, additional superintendent of police of Manikganj Joydev Bhadra said more than 20 activists of Allar Dal are active in Manikganj. Allar Dal is not a banned organisation though its chief Matin Mehdi has been convicted in a case.

Police is trying to find if it has any connection with any outlawed or militant outfit, Joydev Bhadra added.

6 get life for abduction, rape of schoolgirl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court on Sunday awarded six people to life term imprisonment for abduction and rape of a schoolgirl in Godagari upazila.

The convicts are Asaduzzaman Rubel, Towhidul Islam, Rabiul Islam, Nurul Islam Sujon, Imam and Abdur Rashid of the upazila.

ATM Mesbaudoula, judge of the speedy trial tribunal of Rajshahi fined all the convicts Tk 1 lakh each, in default, to suffer two years more in jail.

The judge also awarded each of them more 14 years of rigorous imprisonment for abetting each other in the abduction and rape. Each of the convicts was also fined Tk 10,000.

Sajenur Bewa, one of the main accused, and eight others were, however, acquitted of charges. Father of the schoolgirl lodged the case with Godagari police station following abduction and gangrape on January 6 last year.

According to allegations, the accused, helped by a drug-peddler Sajenur Bewa, took the girl to Iswardi and later to Savar in Dhaka.

The girl was raped both at Iswardi and Savar. The rapists took video of the rape and in their attempt to take her to a neighbouring country to 'sell her there'. They also made forged marriage documents.

Sub inspector Zahangir Hossain submitted charge sheet in the case on March 21 in 2008.

He fells govt trees, sells for himself

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A Union Parishad (UP) chairman who is also president of Dashpara union Awami League in Baufal upazila allegedly fell some 40 trees on government land without any permission of deputy commissioner.

Locals said UP chairman Nur Mohammad recently pocketed around Tk 4 lakh by selling all the 40 chambul variety trees grown on the UP office premises following a plan to construct a new building there without consulting the authorities concerned.

Nur, however, claimed that he cut only 11 trees and sold them for Tk 70,000.

"I have kept the money. I will deposit the amount to the authorities concerned later," he said.

Contacted, Baufal Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mozammel Hossain said, "I am not aware of the matter. If the chairman cuts trees, proper action will be taken against him after investigation."

"None can fell trees on government land without permission from the DC. And if allowed, those must be sold through bidding," he said.



PHOTO: STAR

Remains of trunks bear testimony to recent illegal cutting of trees on the premises of Daspara Union Parishad office in Baufal upazila.



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Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division.		
2	Agency	Petrobangla.		
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFCL).		
4	Invitation for	Civil Works.		
5	Invitation ref No & date	CD/HO/3(9)/2009, date: 21-06-2009.		
6	Procurement method	Open tendering method.		
7	Budget and source of funds	Own fund of BGFCL.		
8	Tender selling date & time	30-06-2009 to 13-07-2009 (during cash transaction hours (09:30 hrs to 14:30 hrs)).		
9	Last date and time for receiving tender	14-07-2009 up to 12:00 hrs.		
10	Tender opening date and time	14-07-2009 at 12:30 hrs.		
11	Name & address of the office(s)			
	- Selling tender document	a. Accounts Department, BGFCL, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria; b. Liaison Office, BGFCL, House No-75, Road No-6, DOHS (Old) Banani, Dhaka.		
	- Receiving tender document	a. Civil Engineering Department, BGFCL, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria; b. Security Office, Titas Location-A, BGFCL, Ghatara, Brahmanbaria.		
	- Opening tender document	Civil Engineering Department, BGFCL, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria.		
12	Eligibility of tenderer	- Bonafide contractors/construction firms who have minimum 05 (five) years of general experience in construction works; Successfully completed of at least 01 (one) number of civil works of contract price Tk. 11.00 lakh during last 05 (five) years in a single tender in government/semi-government/autonomous organisations; Other qualifications as stated in Tender Data Sheet (TDS).		
13	Tender name and other related information:			
	Description of works	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time (days)
	Modification of rig foundation of well No-4 for workover at Titas Location-A, Brahmanbaria.	Tk 2,000.00 (two thousand)	Tk 45,000.00 (forty-five thousand)	60 (sixty)
14	Name of official inviting tender		Md. Taufiqur Rahman Tapu.	
15	Designation of official inviting tender		Deputy General Manager (Civil Engg.)	
16	Address of official inviting tender		Civil Engineering Department, BGFCL, Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria.	
17	Contact details of official inviting tender		Tel: 0851-58141, 58428 Ext.-113 Fax No. 0851-58758	
18	Special instructions		If the tender cannot be received and opened due to any unavoidable circumstance or holiday(s) on scheduled date and time, the same shall be opened on the subsequent working day at the same venue and time.	
19	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.			
PRS/09/09/29(Civil)		Deputy General Manager (Civil Engg.)		
GD-3161				