

## BSF men try to occupy farmlands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Tension mounted in three border areas in Sylhet yesterday as Indian BSF members intruded into Bangladesh territory and tried to occupy farmlands.

However, the BSF members went back after BDR jawans stepped in.

Sources said about 25 BSF men intruded 400 metres inside Bangladesh through Amsatta border in Tamabil at about 1:00pm and forced the farmers to leave the paddy fields.

BDR jawans soon reached the scene and put red flags on the area. Later, Lt Col Khondker

Zahirul Alam, commander of 21 Rifles Battalion, and other officials rushed to Tamabil border and asked the BSF men to go back. The BSF men left the area at about 3:30pm.

The BSF men also intruded 30 metres inside Bangladesh crossing the Mina Tila border in Jaintapur at about 11:00am. But they left the area about three hours later as the BDR men stepped in.

Another group of BSF men crossed the Plain river and intruded 30 metres into Bangladesh on Sripur border at about 2:30pm. However, they went back about an hour later after the BDR jawans stepped in.



A massive pothole developed in the middle of the VIP road in front of Tejgaon Police Station on the airport in the city, making the movement of vehicles risky. The photo was taken yesterday.

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## Shibir men lay siege to RU Hall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Armed Chhatra Shibir cadres laid siege to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall at Rajshahi University and confined the hall provost, some 30 Chhatra League activists and general students for some three hours on Thursday.

Later, two Shibir leaders were caught along with arms in a police raid at the hall in the afternoon, but they were released after giving undertakings at night.

Sources said the incident erupted over allocation of 99 seats at the hall.

Provost Prof Rezaul Karim said the authorities in a decision on Wednesday allocated the vacant seats among students based on their merit and seniority, but Shibir men protested it.

"We asked them (Chhatra Shibir) to submit complaint against the seat allocation, but they didn't respond," the provost told newsmen.

Instead, the Shibir men threatened Karim of teaching

him a lesson and created anarchy, he added.

"The new seat allocation intervened Shibir men's illegal control over the hall," said Sumon Kanti Baroi, publicity secretary of RU BCL.

Witnesses said over hundred Shibir men and outsiders led by its hall unit President Mainul Islam and General Secretary Mostafizur Rahman and Nawab Abdul Latif Hall unit President Masud went to the hall around 10:00am and demanded cancellation of the allocation.

As asked for submitting complaints, the Shibir men went unruly and damaged the hall's notice board at around 10:30am.

At one stage, some 30 activists of BCL went to the scene and took the authorities' side that sparked off tense situation on the campus.

Equipped with iron rods, sticks and stones, a number of Shibir activists surrounded the hall and took position inside and outside the hall and chanted slogans.

As the situation was about to go out of control around 1:30pm, huge police forces led by Sazzadur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, rushed to the scene.

They rescued the confined BCL activists in a police vehicle from the hall.

## One burnt to death for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A housewife was burnt to death by her husband for dowry at Jajisar village under Kasba upazila in Brahmanbaria on Thursday night.

The victim was identified as Amena Khatun, 32, wife of Harun Mia.

Harun, on Thursday, was beating Amena, as she did not fulfill his demand of dowry. At one stage he poured kerosene on her body and set fire.

Hearing the crying of Amena, neighbours rushed to the spot and rescued her and sent to hospital. She succumbed to her injuries on the way to hospital.

Police arrested Amena's sister-in-law while her husband Harun is absconding since the incident.

## Two workers kidnapped at Roangchhari

A CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Two construction workers were kidnapped from Ghroo Aau area under Roangchhari upazila in Bandarban yesterday.

Police said a gang of terrorists kidnapped the victims from the area while they were working.

The workers were identified as Yusuf, escalator operator, and Rabiul, a mason.

Officer-in-Charge Mohiuddin of Roangchhari Police Station said necessary step has been taken to rescue the victims.

## Tuku vows to fight terrorism

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku yesterday said no compromise would be made with terrorism and militancy.

Terrorists as well as militants and their masterminds must be punished, he said.

The state minister said this as the chief guest at the inaugural function of a week-long tree fair at Santhia upazila here.

He vowed to fight terrorism and asked the police and other

law enforcers to play their proper role in keeping the law and order stable in the country.

"All the criminals and the terrorists must be punished. If the terrorists even belong to the ruling party, steps must be taken against them. Law enforcers must be aware of their duty. No reluctance in this regard would be tolerated," Tuku said.

"There would be no compromise with militancy and terrorism. If terrorists are relatives or the party men,

they would be punished. We have to root out militancy and terrorism from the country."

The state minister distributed cheques among 70 education institutions of the upazila.

He also inaugurated a 50-bed hospital in the upazila.

Santhia Upazila Parishad Chairman Nizam Uddin chaired the programme while Santhia Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Abdur Razzak and Santhia Municipality Mayor Mirazul Islam also spoke.

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