

# Future bleak as 'nation builders' in bad health

All 202 students of a school found unwell

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All the 202 students of Balagram UC Government Primary School in poverty-stricken Balagram union of Jaldhaka upazila are suffering from different diseases due to malnutrition, lack of medical facilities and unawareness of guardians.

The alarming situation came to light after Jaldhaka Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) and Upazila Health and Family Planning officer (UHFO) visited the school with a medical team to test the students' health condition last week.

At first test on 65 selected students showed that all are suffering from various diseases. Twenty-five of them were found seriously sick.

Being curious, the team tested all the remaining students and found them suffering from some common diseases.

Many of them were found suffering from anaemia, intestine disease, malnutrition, scabies, weight loss, undeveloped mental growth etc.

Most students told the team members that they come to school everyday without having meal and there is also no certainty of getting any food even after returning home from school. They feel pain in the stomach during school hours, they said.

Sixty percent guardians of the school students are poor farm workers. Other guardians include rickshaw van pullers, hawkers, small trad-



Malnourished and sick, students of Balagram UC Government Primary School in Jaldhaka upazila of Nilphamari district are hardly able to attend to their lessons.

ers, small farmers etc. They cannot provide sufficient food and other necessities to their school-going children.

"Students of my school mostly come from very poor families. They are hardly aware of health rules. We teach the students about health rules but they have very little scope to practice it at home," said Afzalur Rahman, headmaster of the school.

Sick students cannot attend to their lessons, Jaldhaka UHFO Shaukat Ali said, adding that his department has no separate health programme for primary schools in the upazila.

Jaldhaka UNO Shahidul Islam Bhuiyan said, "It is a matter of concern that our future nation builders would grow up with such health problems. In spite of limited resources, we should do everything for them. We should persuade the wealthy people

to play role in this regard." Moved by the sorrowful health condition of the students, the UNO bought a good amount of medicine from Jaldhaka Bazar with the money he got as bonus for the Eid-ul-Fitr and distributed it to the students as per doctors' prescription, the headmaster said.

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## 2 more of new Roangchhari armed gang rounded up

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Roangchhari police on Wednesday night arrested two more members of Chittagong Hill Tracts Nationalist Forum (CHTNF), a newly formed armed group in Bandarban.

A few days ago, a joint team of army, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and police rounded up eight of the same group.

Police caught Sujan Chakma, 25, and Sumon Chakma, 18, inhabitants of Rangamati from local bazaar area with some documents, said the officer-in-charge (OC) of Roangchhari Police Station.

Police said during interrogation, the arrestees admitted that they are active members of CHTNF and confessed to their involvement in the recent abductions in Bandarban hill district for ransom.

On recovery of a money receipt from Suman's possession, police claimed that the same receipts

were used during the abduction of Farique Contractor and his two construction labourers.

Police suspect that all the recent abductions including that of PHP rubber garden supervisor Hefajetur Rahman in Naikkhongchhari upazila were committed by CHTNF men.

Locals alleged that CHTNF men have established their strongholds in remotest areas of Bandarban Sadar, Ruma, Roangchhari and Thanchi upazilas. Taking advantage of inaccessible location, they are carrying out abduction, extortion and killing unabatedly.

Within a short time, they have expanded their crime network in Naikkhongchhari and Alikadam upazilas, locals informed.

A source linked to the gang told The Daily Star correspondent that some local Marna, Boam and Mro youths trained in Rangamati formed CHTNE. It is now one of the strongest armed groups in Bandarban, he said.

## BSF kills one

A CORRESPONDENT,  
Lalmonirhat

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi national on Burmian border under Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat district yesterday morning.

Locals said the Indian border guards opened fire on Waliur Rahman, 20, son of Afzalur Rahman of Auliharhat village of the upazila, while he was entering Changra Bandha village under Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal through the border at around 6:00am. He died instantly.

Immediately after the incident, BSF took away the body. BDR sent a letter to its Indian counterpart protesting the killing and demanding return of the body.

## MEMO TO MINISTER, DC, SP 'Arrest local MP's cronies who attacked journo in Galachipa'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Patuakhali

Patuakhali journalists yesterday submitted memorandum to State Minister for Religious Affairs Shahjahan Mia, also lawmaker from Patuakhali-1, Patuakhali deputy commissioner, and superintendent of police demanding arrest of the culprits who attacked journalists in Galachipa on Wednesday noon.

They also demanded removal of the officer-in-charge of Galachipa Police Station for his failure to take action against the perpetrators.

Mufti Salahuddin of RTV, Abu Taher Bappa of Bangla vision, Sankar Lal Das, of the Daily Prothom Alo and ABC radio, Khondokar Delwar Jalali of Channel One and Hanjala Shihab of Diganta TV were on their way to different places in Galachipa upazila for professional duty on Wednesday.

As the journalists, working as Patuakhali district correspondents of the respective media, reached Haridevpur ferry point at noon, a gang attacked them and tried to snatch cameras, mobile and note books from Salahuddin and Bappa.

Three other journalists managed to cross the river and took shelter inside Galachipa Police Station where they had to stay for two hours as the criminals moved around the police station and threatened them.

Later a team from Patuakhali Rab camp rescued

the journalists.

Abu Taher Bappa filed a case with the police station in this regard accusing 20/25 people including Israt Hossain Abbas, president of Galachipa upazila unit of BCL, but police recorded it as a general diary (GD).

Patuakhali correspondent of the Prothom Alo Sankar Lal Das also filed a complaint with the police station.

The journalists said they faced wrath of the criminals for collecting information on grabbing land and river by local lawmaker.

Moslem Bayati, a caretaker of a business house in Galachipa, filed an extortion case against Israt Hossain Lipton, upazila correspondent of the Prothom Alo, and Simoon Rahman Alit, upazila correspondent of the Amar Desh, with local police station on Tuesday night.

Following the case, police went to the houses of the two journalists but did not find them.

Families of the two journalists said the case was filed in a bid to avenge their reports on grabbing river and land by the local lawmaker.

Earlier the Prothom Alo and the Amar Desh published separate news on grabbing rivers and lands in the area.

When contacted, Patuakhali Superintendent of Police Shaibal Kanti Chowdhury said, "Lawful action will be taken after proper investigation."

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



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Pirojpur district unit of Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal, a front organisation of BNP, brings out a procession in Pirojpur town Wednesday demanding punishment of the killers of district Krishak Dal president Gazi Salaududdin.

## Stepfather kills boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A 6-year-old boy was killed yesterday allegedly by his stepfather at Kristapur in the town. Police said, victim Ripon's mother Renu Begum, a domestic help was married to one Swapan of Kristapur a few years ago. Yesterday Renu went out of house in the early morning leaving Ripon with his stepfather. As Ripon did not find his mother after waking up from sleep, he started crying and that angered Swapan much. At one stage, Swapan beat up Ripon mercilessly injuring him critically. The boy died on the spot after sometime. The body was sent to Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital (MMCH) morgue for autopsy. Police arrested Swapan after Renu Begum filed a case with Kotwali police station.

## Traffickers held, 15 rescued

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday arrested two human traffickers from Benapole's Sadipur and Ghiba border points and rescued 15 people. Acting on a tip off, a BDR team raided Sadipur. They arrested two traffickers and rescued 13 men and women. In a separate raid, BDR rescued two more women from Ghiba border point. The rescued people hailed from Jessore, Narail and Cox's Bazar districts. The traffickers and the rescued men and women were handed over to Benapole police. A case was lodged in this regard.

## HSTU's 'University Day' today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) will celebrate 'University Day' today. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid down the foundation stone of the university on this day 10 years ago. Prof Dr Alaaddin Ahmed, adviser to the prime minister, is likely to inaugurate the functions of the day as chief guest. Prof Dr M Afzal Hossain, vice chancellor of HSTU will preside. Marking the Day, students, teachers and staff of the university have decorated the buildings to give the occasion a festive look. The university built on 80 acres of land has 39 departments, six dormitories and a library with about 20,000 books. At present, 137 teachers, 60 officials and 345 staff are serving at HSTU.

## Robbers loot expat's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Five people were injured by robbers who looted valuables worth Tk 3 lakh from the house of an expatriate in Chhatak upazila of Sunamganj early Wednesday. Locals and police said at dead of night, the robbers numbering about 15 entered the house of Soab Ali at Noarai village. They gave the inmates a good beating and chopped some of them with cleavers. Soab Ali, his sons Saleh Ahmed and Shahed, daughter-in-law Razia Begum and daughter Zabeda sustained serious wounds. The robbers took away Saleh Ahmed's passport, gold ornaments and other valuables worth about Tk 3 lakh from the house at arms point. Saleh was scheduled to return to Saudi Arabia on the day.

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Following the last few days' downpour, floodwater overflowing the damaged embankment inundates Padmapukur village in Gabura union under Shyamnagar upazila of Satkhira district.

## Villagers attacked for speaking out against chairman's son

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

At least 25 people were injured as miscreants, led by a son of Jaldhaka Upazila Chairman Sayed Ali, attacked Chengmari village on Wednesday night.

Five of the injured were admitted to Jaldhaka Upazila Health Complex while the rest to private clinics.

The villagers came under attack as they gave their statements to the police in connection with a case filed against Shaful Islam Babu, son of Sayed Ali, also a rokan of Jamaat, on the day.

Babu was sued on September 8 on charge of assaulting Imrul Haque, 42, son of Ehsan Uddin of the same village over a trivial matter at Baro Ghat village of Jaldhaka upazila on September 7.

Seriously injured Imrul was admitted to Jaldhaka Upazila Health Complex. He filed the case with Jaldhaka Police Station, accusing Babu and some of his associates of assaulting him in front of a cold storage owned by Babu's father Sayed Ali.

The attackers on Wednesday night also detained a villager named Tofizuddin at the cold storage and beat him up for giving statement against Babu. He was later rescued by police.

Tofizuddin yesterday filed a case against Babu and 20 others for torturing him at the cold storage, police said.

Protesting the attack on the villagers by upazila chairman's son, several hundred people took out a procession at Jaldhaka upazila headquarters yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the attackers.

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