

District administration and Rapid Action Battalion seized huge primary textbooks meant for free distribution from the kitchen of a house at Narayanpur in Pabna town yesterday. The books were stolen from the warehouse of District Primary Education Office.

Primary textbooks stolen from DPEO store seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion on Sunday night seized 1,620 primary textbooks meant for free distribution from a house in Pabna town and arrested one person.

Receiving a tip-off that a syndicate stole primary textbooks from a warehouse of District Primary Education Office (DPEO) and are selling those in black market, a Rab team, led by the Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Pabna, raided the office at around 9:00pm.

The team quizzed night guard Md Shariful Islam Joni who confessed to stealing the textbooks and keeping them at a house of one Abdur Rahman at Narayanpur in the town.

The team along with Joni went to Rahman's house at around 10:00pm and recovered the textbooks from a kitchen. The Rab men picked up Rahman from there and released him after interrogation.

Rab arrested night guard Joni on charge of stealing the textbooks and handed him over to

Pabna Sadar Police Station. Police produced Joni in a court here yesterday, seeking a five-day remand. The court will hear the remand prayer today, court sources said.

Around 13 lakh primary textbooks are required for 2010 education year in Pabna. The government has so far allocated 11 lakh textbooks for free distribution among the primary students of the district, an official said.

District Primary Education Office has started sending textbooks to different upazilas and distribution will begin in the first week of January 2010, he added.

Rab official Md Akhterul Alam told newsmen that night guard Joni, during preliminary interrogation, confessed to his involvement in stealing the textbooks.

A three-member committee headed by the additional District Primary Education Officer (ADPEO) has been formed to investigate the matter. "If any official is involved in stealing the textbooks, he will be punished," District Primary Education Officer Dilruba Begum said.

DEFAMATION CASE Arrest warrant against Amar Desh editor, two others

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

The Chief Judicial Magistrate's court here yesterday issued warrant of arrest against the editor of the daily Amar Desh and two others following filing of a \$10,000 crore defamation suit against them for publishing 'false report' about prime minister's energy adviser Towfiq Elahi and son Sajeeb Wazed Joy.

The accused in the case are: Editor Mahmudur Rahman, publisher Hashmat Ali and reporter M Abdullah.

General secretary of Magura district unit Awami Swachhchasebak League advocate Ashraf Hossain Liton filed the case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court in the afternoon.

In the case statement, the complainant said that the daily in its December 17 issue published a report titled 'allegation of taking \$5 million bribe against energy adviser Towfiq Elahi and Joy'. Publication of the report has tarnished the image of the present government, the ruling party and Sajeeb Wazed Joy, the case statement said.

Our Staff Correspondent in Chittagong reports: A case was filed with a court here yesterday against editor, publisher and concerned reporter of the Amar Desh for running a 'defamatory' story against Towfiq Elahi and Joy.

The Court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Asaduzzaman Khan took the case into cognizance and issued summon against the accused.

However, no compensation money was claimed in the case, said the sources concerned.

Plaintiff Sheikh Shahid Hossain identified himself as a member of central committee of Jubo League and general secretary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Foundation.

Shahid Hossain is a resident of Rahman Nagar of the city's Nasirabad area.

STEP TO RESOLVE WATERLOGGING PROBLEM

Khulna Charichara canal digging programme opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

City mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque yesterday inaugurated the Charichara canal digging programme in a bid to resolve the waterlogging problem in Khulna city.

A portion of the canal was earlier recovered from the grip of a ruling party man during the first phase of eviction drive launched by Khulna City Corporation (KCC) on July 3 this year.

KCC has decided to dig the canals which have been freed from the encroachers, the mayor said.

Waterlogging problem will be solved permanently with the implementation of canal digging programme, the mayor asserted.

Earlier on Sunday, the mayor told this correspondent that the KCC would

resume the drive against encroachers of remaining 24 canals of the city and its suburbs soon.

The authorities have already evicted 25 encroachers out of 49 from canals and dykes during the first phase of drive.

The drive, which continued from July 3 to August 18 this year, had to be suspended due to murder of ward councillor Shahid Iqbal Bithar who was convenor of the 15-member eviction drive committee.

The panel mayor no-1 of KCC, Ajmol Ahmed Tapan, was later made convenor by the mayor to conduct the second phase of the eviction drive for freeing the remaining 24 canals.

The first phase of the drive cost KCC a sum of Tk 2,32,600 from its own fund.

"We have erected 200 boundary pillars while 300 others are under construction to earmark the canals recovered from

encroachers", mayorsaid.

The mayor said that there is no alternative to recovering the canals from the encroachers for solving the nagging waterlogging problem and keeping roads and highways sustainable.

But fact remains that most of these canals were so long controlled by the district administration for which a number of them were grabbed under political influence, he said.

He appealed to the city dwellers, district administration officials, Khulna Development Authority and non-government organisations to cooperate with the KCC in recovering the remaining 24 canals and dykes from the 'powerful' encroachers.

The mayor, however, refused to disclose the names of the influential people and the political parties they belong to.

Fugitive convict arrested

UNB, Rajshahi

Police on Sunday arrested a fugitive lifer from his house at Nununagar village in Bagha upazila.

Acting on secret information, Bagha police raided the house in early hours and arrested Al Mamun, 30.

Police said, Mamun along with his 8/9 accomplices killed co-villager Nazimuddin, 28, son of Osman Sarkar on January 3 in 2002 due to previous enmity.

Later, brother of the victim filed a murder case against nine people and police arrested seven while the two others remained absconding.

Meanwhile, the court on September 4, this year awarded the seven accused, including Al Mamun, life term imprisonment acquitting two others.



This whale shark, netted from the Bay 100 kilometres off the shore, was brought to Nuniachhata Fisheryghat in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

SNIPPETS

Ex-MP Sakhawat gets bail

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Former lawmaker and presidium member of Jatiya Party (Ershad) Maulana Sakhawat Hossain was granted bail on Sunday in an extortion case. The court of additional chief judicial magistrate granted the bail prayer at noon. Sakhawat was released from jail in the evening. Sakhawat was arrested from his residence in Keshabpur of Jessore on Thursday night on charge of extortion and swindling. Earlier, principal of Masud Memorial College Masur Rahman filed a case against him with Keshabpur police station on the same day. In the case, he alleged that Maulana Sakhawat had extorted around Tk 18 lakh from the college teachers at different periods between 2004 and 2007.

BCL body dissolved

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Chhatra League (BCL) body at Dinajpur Textile Institute was dissolved on Saturday following factional clashes between two Chhatra League groups which left one student critically injured. The injured student identified as Nuruzzaman Pathan Tuktuk is a fifth year student of the institute. Sources said that district Chhatra League unit recently formed a committee in presence of district leaders despite a ban on student politics at the institute. It created division among the activists resulting in several clashes on the campus on Saturday. Sources said, a faction led by Forhad dragged out Nuruzzaman and stabbed him mercilessly. He was an examinee. The BCL boys attacked him as he protested massive copy by the students of Chhatra League. Nuruzzaman was sent to Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital on Saturday and later shifted to Dhaka as his condition worsened.

Body recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Body of Sarwar Morshed, area manager of Protity Pharmaceutical Limited, was recovered from a hotel room Sunday morning. Delwar Hossain, manager of Hotel Magpie said, Sarwar who came from Dhaka, went to bed on Saturday night at about 12:00. The next morning his colleagues came to hotel and tried to contact him over mobile phone. Getting no answer, they opened the room with the help of a duplicate key from the hotel management and found the body lying on the floor. Officer-in-charge of Jessore police station Abdul Kadir Baig said they are unable to say anything before a medical examination whether it was a case of heart attack or murder.

Debate contest in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

A five-day long inter-college debate competition organised by BRAC advocacy and human rights unit began on Saturday on Sayed Ator Ali Public Library premises in the town. Sixteen teams from different colleges in four upazilas of the district are participating in the competition. The colleges are: Amaresh Bose Degree College, Shatrujitpur College, Buzruk Srikundi College, Hazipur Sammiloni College, Rawtara Hridynath School and College, Magura Adorsho Degree College, Government Technical School and College, Al-Amin Technical College, Magura Technical College, Arpara Mohila College, Arpara Degree College, GK Ideal Degree College, Sreepur Degree College, Government Hossain Shahid Suhrawardy College, Nakol Sammiloni Degree College and Nowapara Sammiloni College.

Power sub-station attacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Agitated subscribers on Saturday morning attacked the Power Development Board (PDB) sub-station at Shambhuganj Bazar in Sadar upazila. Two employees of the sub-station were injured in the attack. Sources said, a PDB transformer on Mymensingh-Netrakona road in Shambhuganj Bazar area was stolen on November 30 night. Following the incident, the subscribers of the area informed it to the authorities concerned several times but no transformer was installed there. As their demand went unheeded, the agitated people besieged the sub-station at around 10:00 am and ransacked the office. During the attack, PDB sub-station operator Basit Ali, 35, and security guard Afar Uddin, 45, were injured.

Death in road crash sparks protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Townpeople yesterday noon brought out a procession, held rally and submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner (DC) demanding punishment to the driver who crushed a woman under the wheels of his truck Sunday afternoon.

Organised by Nagorik Unnayan Forum, an NGO, they paraded the main streets before holding the rally in front of the DC's office.

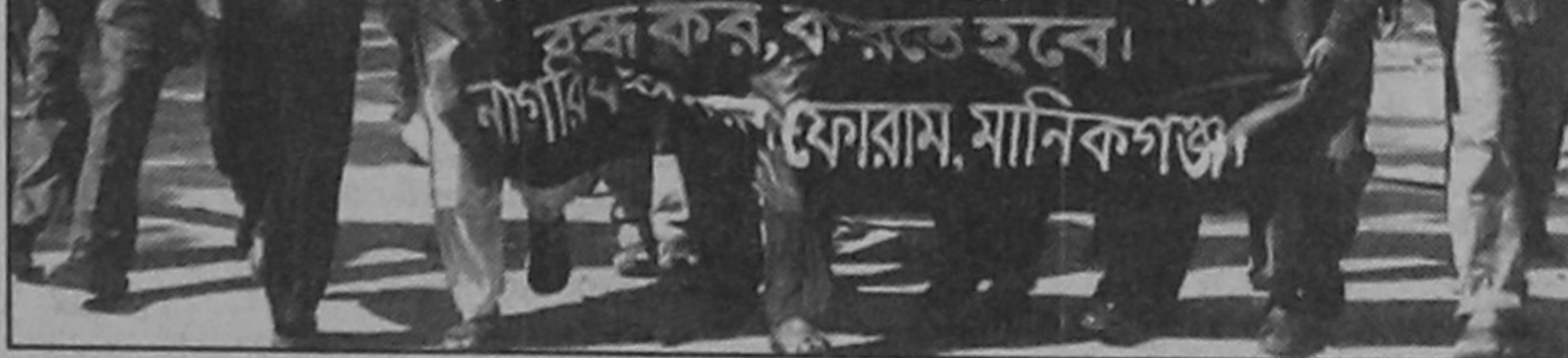
The speakers at the rally demanded ban on plying of trucks on the town streets from dawn to 8:00pm.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to DC Salehuddin demanding appropriate steps in this regard.

Rubia Akter, 36, wife of poor Abdul Halim of West Dasheda, was killed on the spot and her daughter Seba and son Sejan were injured when a town bound sand-laden truck hit her rickshaw at around 5:00pm near Bewtha road on Sunday.

Rubia was returning home with her two kids after visiting Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela held at Manikganj Government Boys' High School playground.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Manikganj Sadar Police Station Azizul Haque said the victim's husband yesterday filed a case with the police station concerned. Police seized the truck but its driver and helper managed to flee.



Town dwellers bring out a procession at Manikganj yesterday demanding steps for ensuring safe movement on roads.

Gas emitting from earth in Chilmari char area

BSS, Rangpur

A huge sensation has been created among the people of Chilmari upazila in Kurigram following continuous emission of 'natural gas' with cracking sounds from the soil in recent days, officials and locals said.

As it instantly catches fire and burns like natural gas, hundreds of people from the char areas and other places and journalists are visiting the spot.

The gas has been coming out in 'Naturan Char' covering over 300 acres of land extended up to three kilometres to the east of Fakirerhat ferry point in Raniganj union of Chilmari upazila.

The main site is in the remote char areas on the riverbed, about 10 kilometres off to the northeast from Chilmari town and about 20 kilometres off to the southeast from Ulipur upazila town.

"I have already gathered information about

the phenomenon in the char area and I am preparing to visit the spot assessments," UNO of Chilmari Enamul Haque told the national news agency last week.

Chairman of Raniganj union Abdul Karim Mian earlier visited the spot.

Local union member Aynal Haque, eyewitness Bachchu Mina, 37, of nearby Fakirerhat Bagbanbari village told BSS that the matter was first noticed about two weeks ago when a group of erosion victims went there for planting boro seedlings.

The 'Naturan Char' emerged in 'Feichka Babod Hatia Mouza' recently on the previous Akandpara village devoured by the Brahmaputra.

The erosion victims suddenly heard some cracking sounds followed by gas-like smells while planting the seedlings.

They started looking for the sources and found a number of points where the gas catches fire instantly and burns vigorously.

BCL foils function, assaults official

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists foiled a cultural programme in Kishoreganj on Saturday and assaulted a hall official at Rajshahi University (RU) on Sunday.

UNB from Kishoreganj reports: A cultural programme at the local Shilpakala Academy was foiled on Saturday night due to obstruction by the activists of Chhatra League.

Shilpakala Academy sources said, about 20/25 BCL activists came to the academy and captured the stage when the cultural programme of Sargam Lalitkala Academy was on at about 10:00pm.

The audience, including deputy commissioner Mohammad Shah Kamal, who came to enjoy the programme

left the place following capture of the stage.

The DC, also president of Shilpakala Academy, said the programme could not be held due to obstruction by the activists of ruling party's student front.

Contacted, BCL leaders said they did not allow Sandip Roy, president of Sargam Lalitkala Academy, to hold his programme as he earlier made "derogatory remarks" against Bangabandhu and War of Liberation.

Local administration organised the weeklong cultural

programme marking the Victory Day.

A RU Correspondent reports: Chhatra League leaders of Rajshahi University (RU) unit on Sunday assaulted an official of Shaheed Habibur Rahman Hall.

Sources said, the university unit BCL organising secretary Abdullah Al Masud and mass education affairs secretary Rayhan Dulal physically assaulted the hall section officer Korban Ali at the hall office following a trifling matter at around 12:00pm.

Hall officials alleged that

the BCL leaders assaulted the official as the hall authorities did not inform the BCL leaders about the programmes at the hall on the occasion of Victory Day.

Contacted, Dulal denied the allegation and said they went to the hall office to meet the provost.

Shaheed Habibur Rahman Hall provost Dr Shahid Iqbal however admitted the incident and told the correspondent that he will take necessary steps after discussing the matter with the vice-chancellor.



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INVITATION FOR TENDERS.

1	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
3	Procuring Entity name	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods (Single Lot)
7	Invitation Ref. No.	3070-EGCB/2009
8	Date	20-12-2009
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	ICT (Open Tendering Method.)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (EGCB's Own fund)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/ Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/ Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender Package No	N/A
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Different Tools, Spares and Consumables for Turbine Maintenance Division of Siddhirganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh
16	Tender Publication Date	22-12-2009
17	Tender Last Selling Date	02-02-2010 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)
18	Tender Submission Date & Time	03-02-2010 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date & Time	03-02-2010 at 12:30 Hrs (BST) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend).
20	Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document	Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhawan (8 th Level), 7-9, Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka.
	- Receiving Tender Document	Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhawan (8 th Level), 7-9, Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka.
	- Opening Tender Document	Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhawan (8 th Level), 7-9, Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka.
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre Tender Meeting	N/A
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	The Manufacturer/Tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years of specific experience in the Production / supply of similar goods.
23	Brief Description of Goods	Procurement of Different Tools, Spares and Consumables for Turbine Maintenance Division of Siddhirganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh
24	Brief Description of Related services	N/A
25	Price of Tender Document (TK)	TK 2100/- (Two thousand one hundred) or US \$ 30/- (Thirty) to be paid in the form of Bank Draft / Pay order in favor of Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
26	Lot No.	Identification of Lot
	N/A	Different Tools, Spares and Consumables
		Location
		Siddhirganj 210 MW Thermal Power Station, EGCB Ltd., Narayanganj, Bangladesh
		Tender Security Amount
		US\$ 4,000/- or BDT 2,80,000/-
		Completion Time
		150 days from the date of opening of Letter of Credit
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27	Name of Official Inviting the Tender	Kazi Nazrul Islam
28	Designation of Official Inviting the Tender	Company Secretary
29	Address of Official Inviting the Tender	EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhawan (8 th Level), 7-9, Kavarin Bazar, Dhaka.
30	Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender	Tel: +88-02-8124197, 9134029, 9134032 Fax: +88-02-9118345
31	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders.	

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