



A few bonsai lie scattered after activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir damage 50 tubs of the small trees on the premises of Shaheed Shamsuzzoha Hall on Rajshahi University campus on Saturday night.

RU Shibir damages 50 tubs of bonsai

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Shibir activists damaged 50 tubs of bonsai on the premises of Shaheed Shamsuzzoha Hall of Rajshahi University (RU) on Saturday night.

Taking permission of the hall authorities, resident student Ayub Ali, also a member of Rajshahi Bonsai Society, has planted bonsai on the hall premises.

Ayub alleged that the activists of Shibir hall unit had damaged 50 tubs of bonsai as he refused to join the Jamaat's student wing.

He informed the hall authorities of the matter and demanded punishment to the Shibir men involved.

The hall unit Shibir leaders were not available for their comments in this regard.

Prof Mortoza Khaled, provost of Shamsuzzoha Hall,

said the he will investigate the matter after receiving a written complaint from Ayub Ali.

On December 31, 2009, the hall authorities arrested two Shibir activists and an outsider for their alleged involvement in agitation against the authorities of Shaheed Shamsuzzoha Hall.

The authorities also sealed two Shibir-controlled rooms after they found lethal weapons in the rooms.

TEXTBOOKS SOLD Teachers of two schools return money on complaint

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Teachers of two primary schools in Beanibazar upazila of Sylhet district yesterday returned the money that they took from the students against the government-supplied free textbooks.

Meanwhile, coastguards seized banned guidebooks from a boat at Baro Station Launch Ghat in Chandpur town the same day.

In Beanibazar, students of Pashchimbhag Primary School and Nandirpal Community Primary School in Lauta Union gave their teachers Tk 10 and Tk 20 for the textbooks of class one and class two, reports our staff correspondent.

Local Jubo League leader Gous Uddin arranged it in the name of helping the poor teachers of the two schools.

On receiving complaints, Upazila Primary Education Officer Ziauddin Ahmed yesterday went to the area and found the allegations against the teachers true. As per order of the education officer, the teachers returned the money to the students.

When contacted, the education officer said the teachers will face departmental actions.

Acting on a tip-off, coastguards launched a drive in launch ghat area in Chandpur town at around 11:15am and seized guidebooks from an abandoned boat, according to a correspondent.

It is assumed that the guidebooks for primary and secondary students were brought from Dhaka to Chandpur by a launch and kept on the boat for sending those to different places for sale.

24 lakh marginal farmers to get agri aid this month

Move to boost output in 8 northern districts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Around 24 lakh small and marginal farmers in eight northern districts are going to get government's assistance for agriculture materials as authorities have taken the initiative under Krishi upakaran sahayata programme to boost agriculture production.

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) offices in the eight districts have already prepared lists of beneficiaries and now preparations are on to make the 'beneficiary cards' for distribution among farmers within January.

Along with other facilities throughout the year, the cardholders will also get government's subsidy against diesel used for running pumps to irrigate paddy

fields in the ongoing boro season.

Of the 24,03,725 beneficiaries, 3,91,835 farmers are in Rangpur, 2,67,093 are in Nilphamari, 2,11,842 in Lalmonirhat, 3,18,133 in Kurigram, 4,06,958 in Gaibandha, 4,71,581 in Dinajpur, 2,00,180 in Thakurgaon and 1,36,103 farmers are in Panchagarh district, said Shakhawat Hossain, additional director (AD) of the regional office of DAE in Rangpur.

Farmers name, address, area of their agricultural lands and other information will be written on the beneficiary cards, DAE sources said.

Besides mentioning the amount of government's subsidy for different crops and amount of sanctioned agricultural loans, the cards will also provide information

on quality of fertiliser, seeds and pesticides and about government's rehabilitation programmes taken after flood and other natural calamities.

The process will help the government to prepare database regarding the actual number of farmers, area of agricultural lands, crops diversity, production and other important information, sources said.

Regional office of DAE sources said that it has set a target to cultivate boro paddy in 8,64,723 hectares of land to produce 31.30 lakh tonnes of rice in this dry season.

To irrigate their lands the farmers were supposed to use 3,70,761 irrigational pumps of different categories -- 149 of them are diesel-run deep tube wells, 2,85,704 are diesel-run shallow tube

wells, 843 electricity-run deep power pumps, 56,382 electricity-run shallow pumps and 27,683 manually run shallow pumps.

As per government decision, small and marginal farmers will be provided subsidy against their use of diesel for irrigational pumps in this boro season, DAE sources said.

Tk 5.00 would be given against a litre of diesel used and farmers would get the subsidy for highest three bigha (1 bigha=30 decimal) of land.

According to government assessment, 35 litres of diesel is needed to provide irrigation in a bigha of land. Accordingly, a farmer will get Tk 525 as diesel subsidy for irrigating three bigha boro lands using 105 litres of diesel.



People warm themselves around a fire at Matiarpara village in Panchagarh Sadar upazila as the northern region sees the severest lashing by the ongoing countrywide cold wave.

Protector turns predator Cop caught while trying to violate widow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Chudanga police finally suspended assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Alim on charge of his alleged attempt to violate a young widow on Saturday.

Police said, Alim has been closed to Chudanga police line and the incident is being investigated.

According to sources, ASI Alim along with a constable went to the house of one Robiul at Akandbaria in Sadar upazila in Chudanga at about 3:30pm on Saturday.

Robiul and his wife Sulekha were accused in a drug case.

Both were arrested several days ago and later released. Alim talked to Robiul's daughter Junia Khatun, 26, a widow, as the couple was not at home. The police officer told Junia that he came to carry out a search as he had



ASI Alim

information that there were more drugs in the house.

Junia in her statement to the police alleged that ASI Alim made an offensive proposal and threatened to arrest her and implicate in drug case. Then the ASI ordered the constable to buy a packet of cigarettes for him. As the constable went out, Alim clasped Junia in an bid to violate her.

Junia, however, ran away

and cried for help. People from nearby rushed to the spot and found Junia dishevelled and out of breath. Her clothes were also torn off.

People confined Alim to the house and took away his motorbike.

On information, a police team rushed to the spot and rescued the police officer and the constable.

High police officials in Chudanga visited the spot and talked to the victim and locals at about 8:00 pm. Later, the authorities ordered to suspend ASI Alim and closed him to police line at 9:30 pm, about five hours after the incident.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Chudanga Sadar police station Asadduzaman told this correspondent that suspension of Alim was a departmental action.

The incident is under investigation, he added.

Sec 144 in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Joypurhat district administration yesterday imposed Section 144 in Kalai upazila as two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) arranged their founding anniversary programmes simultaneously at the same place.

OC Abul Kalam Azad said, Section 144 was imposed at 2:30pm in Kalai bus terminal area to avoid any possible clash between the two factions. Section 144 will take effect from 2:30am and continue till 8:00pm on the day.



Hindu-Bouddha-Christian Oikya Parishad forms a human chain in front of Faridpur Press Club yesterday demanding cancellation of 'Vested Property Transfer Act (amended) 2009' and implementation of 'Vested Property Transfer Act-2001'.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Human chain by landless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Over 300 people formed a human chain in the town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment to the killers of landless leader Saifullah Laskar. The human chain organised by Satkhira District Landless Association at New Market intersection was followed by a rally there at about 11:00 am. The speakers at the rally alleged that Laskar was killed by the land grabbers on December 5 as he had been leading agitation to establish the rights of landless people on government khas lands for long. They blamed the land grabbers for plotting the murder. They also criticised police for dilly-dally in nabbing the killers.

Students attack bus stand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Agitated students of Nilphamari Government College attacked Anando Babur Pool bus stand in the town and damaged a bus and a bus counter yesterday. Sources said, four students boarded a Nilphamari bound bus from Rangpur when it reached Tenganmari Bazar bus stand on Rangpur- Nilphamari road. As the conductor demanded higher bus fare, the students wanted to pay 50pc of the fare on the plea of being students. The conductor refused to accept half fare triggering an altercation. At a stage, the bus staff assaulted the students when the bus reached Nilphamari. The students left the place but returned with other students in a big procession. The agitated college students then ransacked the bus stand and damaged a standing bus and a bus counter.

Arms recovered in Bogra

UNB, Bogra

Police recovered two revolvers, four bullets and a knife from Thonthonia Poschimpara area of the district town on Saturday morning. On a secret information, a police team went to the area and recovered the arms from under a bridge near the local government primary school in abandoned state. Another report from Jhenidah adds: Rab recovered one foreign made rifle and three bullets at Chandpur Bazaar in Shailakupa upazila on Saturday.



Bangladesh Rifles seizes a private car with 1,370 bottles of phensidyl at Godagari on Chapainawabganj-Rajshahi road yesterday.

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No. 01/PGCB/Sec-Design/2009/5052 Date: December 30, 2009

NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION For Closing Date of Submission of Bid For Design-Build and Turnkey Contract for Construction of 230 kV Siddirganj-Maniknagar Transmission Line Project. (Contract No: G1-PGCB)

Ref: Invitation for Bid Memo No.01/PGCB/Sec-Design/2009/4207, dated: October 29, 2009

The closing date for submission of Bids for the above mentioned project is hereby extended from January 11, 2010 at 11:00 am BST to February 08, 2010 at 11:00 am BST. The bid will be opened on February 08, 2010 at 11:05 am BST. All other terms and conditions for the above Bidding Documents shall remain unaltered.

(Md. Ashraf Hossain)
 Company Secretary

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পুনঃ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বঙ্গ ও পাট মন্ত্রণালয়ধীন বাংলাদেশ তাঁত বোর্ডের "সিলেটের মনিপুরী তাঁত শিল্পের উন্নয়নে প্রশিক্ষণ, নক্সা উন্নয়ন, তাঁতবস্ত্র প্রদর্শনী ও বিক্রয় কেন্দ্র স্থাপন" শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের মেয়াদকালীন সময়ের জন্য অর্থব্যয় প্রস্তাবিত জুন, ২০১০ পর্যন্ত নিম্নবর্ণিত পদটি পূরণের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের দিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

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১।	ইনস্ট্রাক্টর	১০৩৬০.০০ (গ্রেড-৯)	০১	অনুর্ধ্ব ৩০ বছর	টেঞ্জটাইল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এ স্নাতক অথবা তিন বছরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ টেঞ্জটাইল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ডিপ্লোমা।
২।	ডায়ার	৫১৪০.০০ (গ্রেড-১৬)	০১	অনুর্ধ্ব ৩০ বছর	রুথ ডায়িং এবং ইয়ার্প এ জ্ঞানসহ মাধ্যমিক পাশ।

আবেদনকারীর নাম, পিতা / স্বামীর নাম, মাতার নাম, স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, e-mail address ও মোবাইল নাম্বারসহ (যদি থাকে), জন্ম তারিখ, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা, জাতীয়তা, ধর্ম ইত্যাদি উল্লেখপূর্বক আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি অথবা ডাকযোগে ২১/০১/২০১০ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে পৌছাতে হবে। খামের উপরে প্রার্থীত পদের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

আবেদন পত্রের সাথে ৩ কপি সাম্প্রতিক কালে তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ছয়ালিপি এবং ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ / পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান / সিটি কর্পোরেশনের ক্ষেত্রে ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র এবং প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

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KPM faces acute fund crisis

Tk 2cr paper remains unsold

BSS, Rangamati

Karnaphuli Paper Mills (KPM), an industrial unit of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), is facing acute fund crisis as paper worth about Tk two crore lying unsold.

KPM sources said payment of salaries and allowances to workers and employees has become uncertain as the mill authorities failed to sell more than 2,000 metric tons of paper.

The crisis further deepened recently as the National Curriculum Textbook Board

(NCTB), one of the principal buyers of the plant, did not lift 11,000 metric tons of paper it requisitioned earlier.

Non-delivery of paper from the warehouse also created serious space constraint for fresh product. This might lead to suspension production any time, said a source.

Admitting the crisis, managing director of KPM Mohammad Shahidullah said the NCTB, being the main buyer procures paper every year to print books for primary, secondary, higher secondary level and madrasahs.

The NCTB submitted requisition for about 8,000 MTs in 2008 and 11,000 MTs last year. The board stopped later taking delivery of the papers without informing anything to the KPM.

On the other hand, the mill authorities could not supply paper to 200 enlisted dealers because of giving priority to the NCTB. The dealers are now reluctant to take delivery of the paper as they were not supplied the item on time, KPM sources said.