

ZIAUR RAHMAN COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL IN BOGRA

# Docs keep away from govt quarters for four years

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

One hundred and seventeen officers' quarters, built for the doctors of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital about four years ago, are lying idle as doctors prefer to stay on their own arrangement.

Although the quarters remained idle during the long period, around Tk 20 lakh will be required as maintenance cost for the buildings this year, said sources at the medical college hospital.

A number of doctors wishing anonymity told The Daily Star that they can easily rent a good house in Bogra

town at a relatively low cost while the government rate for staying at the official quarters is too high.

Other sources, however, said most of the doctors have chambers for private practice in Bogra town and they prefer to stay there after their official duties as the medical college hospital is around

eight kilometres away.

The PWD completed construction of 183 family quarters in 30 multi-storied buildings at a cost of Tk 26.30 crore on the medical college hospital campus about four years ago, said Md Joynul Abedin, executive engineer of Public Works Department Bogra division.

The 500-bed Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital was built under a special project at a cost of Tk 221 crore during the rule of BNP-led alliance government.

Dr AYM Fazley Rashid, deputy director of the hospital, and Prof Md Mahbul Karim, principal of the medical college, admitted that the modern residential quarters have been lying vacant since the beginning of the college and hospital.

The government has to pay a good amount of money as house rent to the officials who are not staying at the government quarters in spite of the arrangement, said sources at district accounts office.

On the other hand, third and fourth class employees of the medical college hospital have been facing acute accommodation problem.

"We have failed to provide accommodation for third and fourth class employees due to shortage of residential units," said Prof Md Mahbul Karim.



A large number of unused staff quarters, built for doctors of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital in Bogra town about four years ago, remain as a burden for the authorities as the allottees stay at rented houses in the town.



A portion of Kuakata sea beach remains under water following indiscriminate digging in the area as a section of locals often try to find out valuable logs of dead sundary trees from under the sands.

## Log hunt threatens Kuakata beach

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Ecosystem in Kuakata sea beach faces threat as a section of locals dig areas there to find out logs of dead sundary trees while a group of youths are engaged in giving motorbike rides to tourists on the beach for rent.

In addition to threatening ecology in the area, the callous acts may lead to submersion of a large portion of the scenic beach in near future if necessary steps are not taken immediately, experts said.

During a recent visit to the beach, this correspondent saw that over two kilometre areas in the western region of the beach has become rough while a large portion has gone under water, making the

area unfit for use by tourists from home and abroad.

Random digging in the beach threatens flood control embankment in the area but no step is yet seen to prevent the culprits, said school-teacher Anwar Hossain, a resident of West Khajura village.

"I will benefit if I can collect sundary wood from the beach. I do not need to know any other thing," said Rustom Ali, a local wood collector.

Sand from the top layer of the beach sees gradual removal as a group of local youths drive motorbikes on rental basis there, said Abu Naser Khan, chairman of Bangladesh Paribesh Bachao Andolon, a movement to save the environment and ecology.

Random movement of motorbikes is also threatening the red crabs and ecology of Kuakata beach as a whole, he said, adding that motorbike driving should be stopped to save the beach.

Besides, a good number of local people including housewives and schoolchildren are engaged in collecting cockles in southern coast including Kuakata as it brings them good amount. The item is allegedly smuggled abroad as it has good demand in Middle East countries.

Several beasts and migratory birds that live on cockles and others marine foods are now facing food crisis and the beach is losing its beauty due to such activities, Naser Khan said.

# Woman outlaw held, documents seized

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Police on Sunday arrested a woman 'regional leader' of an outlawed party in Pabna and an 'operation commander' of another outfit in Khulna.

Our Correspondent in Pabna reports: Police arrested a top woman outlaw from Demra village in Faridpur uazila on Sunday night and recovered huge organisational documents from her possession.

Arrestee Morsheda Khatun, 38, wife of Abdul Majid, is a 'regional leader' of outlawed PBCP-Lal Pataka.

Police said, a team of Santhia police raided the residence of Morsheda at about 8:00 pm. They arrested her and recovered huge leaflets, books, minutes of outlaw meetings and other documents.

During interrogation, Morsheda divulged some important information about their organisational activities, police said.

Sub-Inspector of Santhia police station Mohammad Rashid produced her at Pabna judicial magistrate's court yesterday seeking remand for 7 days.

"We have found the minutes of a meeting of outlawed PBCP-Lal Pataka faction. A resolution dated July 20, 2009 showed that the outfit collected Tk 76 thousand from Pabna region and spent Tk 61 thousand. We also have recovered some leaflets and documents that hailed the outlaws who killed police in Taherpur in Rajshahi and Choubaria in Naogaon", said a police official.

Some documents revealed names of the outlawed operatives and their organisational activities.

Pabna superintendent of police (SP) Nibash Chandra Majhi said the outlaws held a



meeting in Morsheda's residence just before killing of Rejal Karim Dipu, secretary of Dhulauri union unit AL on November 18.

"Several women outlaws are still active in the district and we are trying to nab them," the SP said.

Our Staff Correspondent in Khulna reports: Police on Sunday arrested 'operation commander' of Khulna Janajuddho faction of outlawed PBCP from near JVM High School under Rupsha upazila.

Arrestee Insanuddin Ijaradar, 40, is son of Kina Ijaradar of Mahishaguni village under the same upazila.

According to police, the arrested outlaw was wanted in several criminal cases including four murders, extortions and two cases under arms act.

Insan was planning a killing mission in Rupsha upazila on Sunday night along with his cohorts, police said.

## Bail prayers of 28 Habiganj BNP men rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet.

Twenty-eight leaders and activists of Habiganj BNP were sent to jail yesterday in a case for bringing out stick procession in the district town on the night of December 20, 2009, defying restriction imposed by police.

They were appeared before Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in the afternoon and sought bail.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Shamsul Islam rejected the bail prayers of the BNP men and sent them to jail. As the news spread, Habiganj BNP brought out a procession in the town.

Police filed a case against 80 BNP leaders and activists on the night of December 20 for defying ban on procession. They imposed restrictions on procession, apprehending clash between two rival BNP factions.

On December 23, police pressed charges against 33 BNP leaders and activists, including District BNP General Secretary Mizanur Rahman and District Jubo Dal General Secretary Misbahul Bari Liton.

Two of the 33 accused--Habiganj town JCD President Mainuddin Shahin and former district Jubo Dal organising Secretary Azizur Rahman Kajor--were arrested on December 21. They are already in jail while the rest three has been absconding since filing of the case.

# Kushtia student nurses boycott classes, ransack CS office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Students of Kushtia Nurses Institute yesterday boycotted classes and ransacked the office of the civil surgeon, alleging that he did not take any steps against an Islamic University (IU) employee who assaulted a student nurse at Kushtia General Hospital on Friday night.

The students of the institute took out a procession in the town and held a rally on the hospital premises demanding immediate arrest of the IU employee. They also decided to abstain from part time duty at Kushtia General Hospital until their demand is met. Staff nurses of the hospital joined the rally and extended their support to the agitating student nurses.

Hospital sources said Anisur Rahman, an employee of the engineering section of IU, admitted his elder brother to Kushtia General Hospital on Thursday. On Friday night, Anisur engaged in an altercation with apprentice nurse Tonushree Sarkar, also a student of Kushtia Nurses Institute, over nurses' duty at the hospital and at one stage, he physically assaulted Tonushree and threatened to kidnap her, sources added.

At least 138 students of the nurses' institute give their services in rotation with staff nurses of the 250-



Students of Kushtia Nurses Institute yesterday stage a demonstration at Civil Surgeon's office demanding arrest and punishment of an Islamic University employee who physically assaulted a student nurse at Kushtia General Hospital on Friday night.

bed hospital.

Friday night's incident sparked protest among the students of the institute who on Saturday met Civil Surgeon Dr Subod Kumar Kundu and gave him a 48-hour ultimatum to take necessary steps against the IU employee.

Assaulted student nurse Tonushree Sarkar also filed a case with Sadar Police Station against IU employee Anisur Rahman on Saturday. But

police could not arrest him as of filing of this report at 5:00 pm yesterday.

Moshiur Rahman, president of Diploma Nurses Association Kushtia unit, said they will launch a tougher agitation programme from Wednesday if the 'culprit' is not arrested by tomorrow.

As Civil Surgeon Subod Kumar Kundu was not available, this correspondent contacted Resident Medical

Officer (RMO) of Kushtia General Hospital Dr

Aurobindo Pal who said that he urged the police to arrest the person responsible for Friday night's incident. The hospital authorities will soon sit with the agitating students of the nurses' institute, the RMO added.

Officer-In-Charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station AKM Faruk Hossain said they are looking for the accused.



Tucks, loaded with essentials, wait in a long queue to enter Mawa ferry terminal as dense fog amid chilling cold caused suspension of the ferry service yesterday.

## LIMA MURDER 2 sent to jail, one freed on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The second court of Women and Children Repression Prevention Court yesterday sent two accused in Rajshahi University (RU) student Lima Parvin murder case to jail upon their surrender.

The two accused are Lima's father-in-law Abdul Malek and mother-in-law Anjuara Begum. The court, however, released another accused Lima's husband Anisur Rahman on bail.

A student of management department of Rajshahi University, Lima was allegedly tortured and later murdered at her in-laws' house at Jagirpara of Puthia upazila on June 10, 2009.

The court issued arrest warrants against the three accused after a judicial probe found their involvement in the murder allegedly for dowry.

Lima's father Taslim Uddin lodged the case and Rajshahi University unit of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad is looking after the case.

# JMB CASES IN SYLHET, JHALAKATHI Charge framing against 4 in Feb, 5 chargesheeted

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Charges will be framed against four militants of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in Sylhet next month while five others of the outlawed Islamist outfit were charge sheeted in Jhalakathi on Sunday.

Our Staff Correspondent in Sylhet reports: A Habiganj court will frame charges on February 1 against four JMB men in the case for August 17 series bomb blasts in Habiganj town.

District and Sessions Judge Mahbul Ul Alam, also the special tribunal judge, fixed the date yesterday.

Earlier, four JMB operatives--chief of IT section AHM Shamim, also son of JMB chief Moulana Saidur Rahman, Azizul Islam alias

Aziz, Hafez Ozaifa, Md Belal Hossain Tamim were produced in the court yesterday.

Besides them, chargesheeted accused Moulana Saidur Rahman, Shafiqul Islam and Salah Uddin alias Salehin are still at large.

On August 17, 2005, bombs were exploded at five points including the DC office premises in Habiganj district town.

Five cases were filed and police submitted charge sheet against the seven JMB men for the series blasts.

UNB from Jhalakathi reports: Police submitted charge sheet against five Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh men in public prosecutor (PP) Haider Hossain murder

case on Sunday.

Of the accused, Murad Hossain, 20, of Khulna, Abu Shahadat M Tanveer, 31, of Barguna are in jail while Bellal Hossain, 27, an Imam of Jhalakathi Gazibari mosque, Sagir Hossain Bhuiyan, 38, and Aminul alias Amir Hossain, 37, of Dakkhin Khan in Dhaka city are still at large.

CID sub-inspector Mosharaf Hossain, fifth investigation officer of the murder case, submitted the charge sheet against the five accused in the senior judicial magistrate's court.

PP Haider Hossain, who was conducting the judge killing case, was shot dead by the JMB activists while he was returning home from a nearby mosque on April 11, 2007.