

BDR MUTINY 4 give depositions in Rangamati

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Four witnesses out of 25 yesterday gave depositions against 75 accused mutineers of 9 Rifle Battalion of Marishya to the BDR special court-4. The three-member court, headed by Director General of BDR Maj Gen Md Mainul Islam, Lt Col Md Abdur Rouf and Maj Golam Mostafa Al-Mamun adjourned the proceedings till 8:30am today.

The court started at 9:00am at Mechanical Transport Yard at Rangamati sector headquarters and continued till 5:30pm. Prosecutor Lt Col Shamimur Rahman produced the witnesses -- former battalion commander of Marisya Lt Col Hafizur Rahman, Maj Kabir Ahmed, Maj Iqbal Usuf and Lieutenant Mahmudur Rahman -- in the court for giving depositions. All the jawans pleaded not guilty when they were taken to

the court from Rangamati jail. They were sent back to the same jail after the proceedings. Deputy Attorney General Md Sohrawardy, on behalf of attorney general, aided the court. Mosarraf Hossain Kazal and Md Mohiuddin Dewan were present as senior public prosecutors on behalf of the state. Advocate SM Abdur Rouf, Kazi Bshir Ahmed and Maj Enamul Karim provided legal assistance to the mutineers in the court.

Char Fashion court active again after 17 years

UNB, Bhola

Activities at Char Fashion upazila civil and criminal court resumed Tuesday, nearly 17 years after transferring the court to district headquarters. Upazila chairman Nurul Islam VP, UNO Mohammad Mostafa Kamal and local people were present. A large number of people after taking part in a doa mahfil were seen rejoicing over resumption of the court, 70km away from the Sadar upazila.

The documents of 2,200 cases were sent to the court for disposal and on the first day hearings of 45 cases were held. Established during the rule of HM Ershad, the court was transferred to district headquarters in 1993.

After assumption of power by the present government, local lawmaker Abdullah Al Islam Jacob sent a proposal to the law ministry for shifting the court to Char Fashion upazila citing the sufferings of local people.

On the basis of the proposal, the President in an order on January 5, transferred the court to the upazila of 5 lakh people, said local sources.

Criminals damage 8 idols

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Bogra

Criminals damaged eight idols including those of Radha-Krishna at Bilkajuli Palpara in Dhumat upazila of Bogra early yesterday.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Dhumat police station Mohammad Yasin Ali confirmed the incident.

He said a case was filed yesterday in this regard and police was investigating to find out the culprits responsible for damaging the images.

Earlier, nine images of Hindu gods and goddesses were built in the last week of January. Though the puja ended, the statues were kept in the temple for further worship.

RU to pay tribute to Dr Zoha today

A RU Correspondent

Commemorating the 41st anniversary of martyrdom of Dr Shamsuzzoha, the Rajshahi University authorities will observe 'Zoha Day' today. On the occasion, the authorities have chalked out elaborate programmes on the campus including placing of wreaths at the grave and monument of Dr Zoha, hoisting of black flag, rally, quran khwani and memorial speech.



staff, Progressive Teachers' Society (PTS), teachers' and officers' associations, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Rajshahi University Journalists' Association (RUJA) and different socio-cultural organisations will hold discussions and offer prayers for the martyred soul.

RU chemistry department in association with university administration will organise Zoha Memorial Speech with department chairman Prof Dr Basudev Kumar Das in the chair. Former member of the caretaker government and executive director of Ain O Salish Kendro Advocate Sultana Kamal will read out the keynote paper at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium of the university.

RU vice-chancellor (VC) Prof Abdus Sobhan and pro-vice chancellor Prof Muhammad Nurullah will attend the programme as chief and special guests.

Chemistry department will also bring out a silent procession on the campus to mark the day.

Black flag will be hoisted atop all administrative buildings, VC's residence, library, chemistry department and student halls.

Prof Dr Shamsuzzoha was shot dead by Pakistani military junta in front of the main gate of Rajshahi University (RU) on February 18, 1969.

On the day, Dr Zoha rushed to the university main gate to protect the students who marched towards the town by breaking Section 144.

His martyrdom accelerated the ongoing mass movement against Pakistan army for withdrawal of historic Agartala Conspiracy Case.

The agitation started in Rajshahi and elsewhere in the country on February 15, 1969 when Sergeant Zahurul Haque, an accused in the case, was killed by Pakistan army personnel after his arrest.

According to Prof Abdul Khaleque, former vice chan-

cellor and a witness to the incident, Dr Zoha was talking with two Pakistani army officers, Captain Hadi and Lt Khadem Shah. He requested them not to go for action against the students. At one stage of hot exchange of words, Lt Khadem ordered a Bangalee army personnel to shoot him but they refused to comply with his order. An agitated Shah then killed Zoha using his own revolver.

Dr Zoha was the then proctor of the university and a teacher of chemistry department.

His death sparked violent protests across the then East Pakistan leading to fall of the Ayub regime. Since then, the day is being observed as Zoha Day. RU vice-chancellor and



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Madaripur Government Nazimuddin College form a human chain in front of the college yesterday to press the demand for exemplary punishment to those responsible for killing Rabeya Sultana Kona, student of the college. Kona was found dead at her father-in-law's house at Chapatoli village under sadar upazila on Sunday last.

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Jonoudjog Rajshahi, a cluster of some development organisations, organise a human chain in Rajshahi city yesterday demanding inclusion of Barind in the programme for climate resilience project to protect the vast area from desertification and the adverse impact of the climate change.

BDR, BSF discuss irritant issues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at a deputy director general level meeting at Tamabil check post yesterday agreed to maintain status quo on the disputed farmlands along the border until the joint survey is done.

BDR Deputy Director General Brigadier General Obaidul Haque led a nine-men team while BSF Inspector General of Shillong Prithvi Raj led a seven-member team at the talks that continued for five and half an hour from 11:00am.

After the meeting, Major Kohinur Alam of BDR Sylhet sector, told this correspondent that they raised the issues like abduction of BDR nayek Mujibur Rahman by BSF men from Jaintapur border on February 4, BSF firing on innocent villagers on February 14 and an attempt to catch fish in a water body inside Bangladesh territory at the talks.

The BSF expressed sorrow for the incidents and assured its Bangladesh counterpart of taking necessary measures to contain such incidents, he said, adding that BDR officials

also assured the BSF of maintaining peaceful atmosphere on the border.

Trans-border problems like trafficking, arms smuggling, barbed wire fencing, border river disputes, kidnapping and killing of Bangladesh nationals on borders also came up for discussion at the meeting.

Our correspondent from Satkhira reported that a battalion commander level flag meeting between BDR and BSF was held at Bhomra frontier in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Both sides agreed to resolve some major border disputes through discussions and also took some measures to avoid untoward incidents on the border.

Commanding officer Lt Col Azim of 41 Rifles Battalion and 94 BSF Battalion Commandant Col Ananta Singh led their respective teams at the meeting.

BSF placed some proposals including construction of a two lane road on Indian side along Bhomra land port to cope with the expanding border trade and re-excavation of Baikari canal. BDR officials said they would send the proposals to the BDR higher authorities.

HARIPUR GAS FIELD Production in well 7 resumes

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Production in well 7 at Haripur Gas Field of Sylhet Gas fields Limited (SGFL) resumed on Tuesday and about 8 MMCF gas is being produced everyday, official sources said yesterday.

With completion of second work-over of the well, flare tests and other jobs were done before putting the well into production.

The state-run Bapex began second work-over on December 14, 2009 at a cost of Tk 16 crore and finished the

job in six weeks.

Contacted, Deputy General Manager of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL) Raunakul Islam, also manager of the second work-over project at Haripur Gas field, told this correspondent that they completed the work three weeks ago.

Drilling was done successfully 2000 metres deep and we are hopeful of smooth gas production, he added.

We resumed commercial operation Tuesday afternoon, the official said, adding that about 8 MMCF gas is being supplied to the national grid

through Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Company.

Petrobangla and SGFL first drilled the well at Haripur in Jaintapur upazila, about 24 kilometres off Sylhet city, in 1986. Alongside gas, 5.61 lakh barrels of oil were produced in the well.

Since gas zone dried up, the authorities suspended production and kept the well sealed for years. The first work-over of the well was done in 1995, which enabled the well to produce gas until April 2008.

BSF kills farmer in Panchagarh

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force yesterday shot a Bangladesh farmer dead on Madhupara border in Panchagarh.

The victim was identified as Islam Miah, 38, son of late Afiz Uddin alias Sarbatu of Madhupara village under sadar upazila of the district.

BDR Deputy Commander of Rifles Battalion-25 Major AKM Hasibul Hossain and local sources said, BSF members of Shingimari camp shot several rounds of bullets on Islam Miah around 3:00pm while he was cutting grass for his cattle, leaving him dead on the spot.

Case against journo

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Patuakhali

An extortion case was filed on Sunday against Kamruzzaman Bachchu, Baufal upazila correspondent for the daily Janakantha. One Julhas filed the case with Patuakhali judicial magistrate.

On receiving the case the court asked the OC of Baufal police station to record an FIR. Sources said, Julhas is a cadres of BNP and an accused in 11 cases including for extortion.

According to the case, Bachchu demanded Tk 2 lakh from Julhas as illegal toll. Bachchu also took away Tk 624 from Julhas's pocket at about 7:00 pm on February 13 when he returned home from the nearby bazaar.

Earlier, a news item was published in the daily Janakantha in September last on Julhas's activities. Julhas is on the list of criminals in Baufal, police sources said.

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