

# Once drug addicts they now help others get rid of the curse

RABIUL HASAN, *Chapainawganj*

Around a hundred people who were once drug addicts are now engaged in helping people with similar problems to return to normal life.

Working as members of Punorjibon, an organisation dedicated to making a drug-free society, they conduct awareness campaigns to motivate people against the bad effects of drug abuse in Chapainawganj town.

The organisation comprising over 150 volunteers has also set up a service centre for drug addicts at Puraton Bazar in the town.

A few years ago, an NGO sent 33 drug addicts to a medical and motivation centre in Rajshahi for treatment. After receiving treatment, they returned to Chapainawganj town and started campaign against drug abuse.

In 2003, the 33 people formed an organisation to create awareness against the bad effects of drug abuse, especially among the young generation, and motivate people to build a drug-free society.

"I had been taking drugs for over 35 years. At one stage, my son Monirul Islam also became a heroin addict. I got rid of drug seven years ago while my son gave up taking heroin a year ago. Members of Punorjibon have been able to persuade Monirul to stop taking heroin. We are now leading a peaceful life," said Mojlish, 55, general secretary of Punorjibon.

Monirul, 22, has also become an active member of the organisation.

Monu Khaza, president of the organisation, said all their members attend prayers once a day and share their views to keep themselves free from drug. "Old members usually take new members to take part in prayers at the office," he said, adding that they recently set up a service centre for drug addicts.

"New drug addicts, who are willing to get rid of the curse of drug abuse, often approach us and become members of the organisation. However, a few dozen people, have returned to their old habit of drug taking. We are still trying to convince them to

refrain from the harmful practice," he said.

Around 98 people have died from drug addiction only in Masjid Para area of the district town in last 20 years while the number is much larger in the town during the period, said members of Punorjibon.

Many drug addicts belong to poor families and they collect money by selling their blood. Many drug addicts suffer from different diseases.

As there is no treatment facility for drug addicts in the town, Punorjibon set up a service centre for drug addicts, said Motiur Rahman, former general secretary of the organisation.

The members of the organisation said that they are not getting any significant financial support from the authorities in their initiative. They received only Tk 3,000 from social welfare department several years ago.

The municipality authorities, however, provided them a room at Puraton Bazar which is now being used as the office of Punorjibon, they said.



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Members of Punarjibon, an organisation of volunteers engaged in awareness campaign against drug abuse, taking oath to remain away from drugs during a prayer meeting at Puraton Bazar in Chapainawganj town.

# MONDAY'S ATTACK ON KACHUA AC-LAND BCL leader, Jubo League activist arrested

A CORRESPONDENT, *Chandpur*

Police yesterday arrested a Chhatra League leader and a Jubo League activist in connection with the attack on the assistant commissioner of land (AC-Land) at Kachua upazila headquarters on Monday.

The arrestees are Nasir Uddin Shishir, 20, general secretary of BCL Kachua Bangabandhu Degree College unit, and Nasir Ullah, 28, an activist of Jubo League Kachua pourasava (municipality) unit.

They were arrested following a case filed by the AC land, Md Mostafizur Rahman, on Monday night against 25 to 30 attacker including Imran, Mamun, Awlad and Sohag.

TM Mojahidul Islam, additional police superintendent of Chandpur, said the arrestees were also wanted in other cases.

According to Kachua UNO Nure Alam Siddiqui, the government officials and employees in the upazila yesterday abstained from work protesting the attack on the AC land.

In a meeting of the District Law and Order Committee at the conference room of the deputy commissioner yesterday, Kachua Upazila Parishad Chairman Ayub Ali Patwari said the expelled BCL men were involved in Monday's incident. He demanded immediate arrest of the attackers.

UNOs of different upazilas and other officials attended the meeting with Deputy Commissioner Biswas

Azimuddin in the chair. They condemned the incident and demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits.

BCL activists on Monday seriously injured AC land Mostafizur Rahman, hitting him on the head with an iron rod as he prevented them from building a house on the government land. He is now undergoing treatment at Kachua Hospital.

The BCL activists also damaged a computer, files and necessary papers in his office room at the upazila headquarters.

Mostafiz said he prevented the BCL men from building a house on a piece of government land near Sonali Bank at Kachua Municipal Market in the evening.



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Cracks developed at the house of Aftab Uddin at Gigagari village under Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur district, right, a classroom of Kaderia Dimukhi Dakhil Madrasa at Barapukuria village under Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur collapsed due to the impact of land subsidence around Barapukuria coalmine.

# Give compensation by Mar 9 or face tough agitation

Barapukuria land subsidence victims warn

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

The villagers affected by the land subsidence in Barapukuria Coal Mine area have threatened to go for a tough movement from March 10 if their demands are not met by March 9.

Sources said the leaders of Jiban O Sampad Rakkha Committee, a platform of people of 15 villages affected by the land subsidence, on Sunday night decided to go for a movement to press home their demands.

"If we don't get our compensation within March 9, we will observe a mass hunger strike in front of the Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Ltd (BCMCL) gate," said Ibrahim Khalil, convener of the committee.

Earlier on February 20, Petrobangla Chairman Dr Hossain Monsur held two meetings with the leaders of affected villagers at BCMCL conference room. The meetings ended without any decision when Petrobangla chairman sought four more months to implement the

memorandum of understanding [MoU] signed in May 15 last year, sources said.

The affected villagers have been agitating since December last year through different programmes to press home their demands. On January 20, Petrobangla chairman held a meeting with the affected villagers and the time limit to implement the MoU was extended for 30 days. But nothing happens during the period as the BCMCL authorities failed to implement the

MoU, said Md Belal Hossain, general secretary of the committee.

Contacted, BCMCL Managing Director Md Quamruzzaman said that they have taken a Tk 324 crore mega plan to rehabilitate the villagers. The plan has already been submitted for the approval of the government, he added.

Sources said land subsidence in BCMCL project area affected about 2,600 families on 646 acres of land. Land subsidence in BCMCL area was first detected in May 2006.

# Four bombs recovered in Khulna

UNB, *Khulna*

Police recovered four live bombs from a house at Kamalkati village in Digholia upazila yesterday morning.

A local found the bombs at the cowshed of one Arabindo Babu and informed police.

Police rushed to the spot and recovered the bombs at about 8:00am.

Officer-in-charge of Digholia police station Bimal Krishna said criminals might have kept the bombs to use them later for committing crime.



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Spanish Ambassador to Bangladesh Arturo Perez Martinez coming out after inauguration of a school for 'Basic education for Disadvantaged Children' at Joyda village in Godagari upazila of Rajshahi yesterday. Funded by Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development and Caritas Spain, Caritas Bangladesh is implementing a project to run several such schools for indigenous children in Rajshahi, Naogaon, Chapainawganj, Natore, Sirajganj, and Pabna districts.

# MASS HYSTERIA 25 students at women's madrasa fall unconscious

A CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

Twenty-five students of Navarone Women's Madrasa in Sharsha upazila fell unconscious in the classrooms yesterday noon.

As the panicked students left classrooms and started running helter skelter, teachers and guardians quickly took the affected girls to Navarone Hospital.

"Two students felt headache in the classroom at about 11:00am they were given first aid. After about two hours, 25 other students of class six, seven and eight fell unconscious all on a sudden," said madrasa Principal Aminur Rahman.

Sharsha upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Dr Abdul Hakim visited the madrasa and the hospital and ordered quick treatment of the affected students.

"The students have been affected by mass hysteria. It occurs due to malnutrition, fear and physical weakness. The disease can be cured by proper treatment and rest," Dr Momtaz Uddin, on-duty doctor at the hospital, said.

Authorities instantly announced suspension of classes at the madrasa.

# Arrested Jamaat-Shibir men sued under Arms Act

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Ten Jamaat-Shibir activists, arrested at Far East Islami Life Insurance Company's office at Sahara Plaza in Natore town on Monday, were sent to jail yesterday.

Police arrested the Jamaat-Shibir men, including a teacher of Rajshahi University, while they were holding a secret meeting inside the office in the afternoon.

They were produced in the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Natore. After hearing, the magistrate rejected their bail prayers and sent them to jail for 14 days.

Earlier on the day, police filed a case against the Jamaat-Shibir men under Arms Act. Natore Circle Assistant Police Superintendent (ASP) Apel Mahmud said they filed the case as four knives were recovered from the bags of the arrestees.

Police interrogated the arrested Jamaat-Shibir activists at Sadar Police Station on Monday night. But they (Police) did not disclose anything to journalists.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reported that an accused in RU student Faruk murder case was arrested in Khetlal upazila of Joypurhat district on Monday night.

The arrestee, Md Belal Hossain, 22, is an activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir Rajshahi University unit and also a final year student of Islamic history department, police said.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided Tilabddul village in Khetlal upazila at around 8:30pm and arrested Belal at the residence of Ershad Master.

Police said Belal along with some other Shibir activists left the RU campus after February 12 violence and took shelter at the house.

# Rivals vandalise AL office

A CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmonirhat*

A group of local Awami League (AL) activists vandalised Mohishkocha union AL office at Mohishkocha Bazar in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat yesterday.

"Two groups of AL men -- one led by Mohishkocha union vice president Gaffar Miah and another by unit executive member Mukul Miah -- got locked in a chase and counter-chase over control of the party office.

The party office was allegedly set up on the land of

Mohishkocha School and College, said institution sources.

Mukul group chased Gaffar group at the party office yesterday morning.

Later Gaffar group made a counter attack and damaged the office and its furniture.


Mukul Miah alleged that taking the side of Mohishkocha School and College Principal Shahidur Rahman, Gaffar Miah attacked AL party office and vandalised it.

Principal Shahidur Rahman, on the other hand, said, "The incident occurred

due to a political feud and have no connection with it. The Mohishkocha union AL party office was illegally built on the land of the institution five years ago. We took shelter of law for recovery of the land and now we are waiting for court order."

Gaffar Miah declined to talk with the journalists in this connection when he was contacted over mobile phone at around 3:00pm yesterday.

Additional police were deployed on the spot and now the situation is under control, said Aditmari Police Station OCMahafuzur Rahman.



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NOTICE OF INSTITUTIONAL BIDDING FOR PRICE DISCOVERY

This is for kind information of all concerned that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has given consent vide letter Ref: SEC/CI/IPO-113/2009/346 dated February 10, 2010 to commence bidding by the Eligible Institutional Investors (EII) for price discovery of further issue of 34,510,000 ordinary shares of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited through public offer under book building method. For participating into the bidding, please visit [www.bbsbangladesh.com](http://www.bbsbangladesh.com). The offering summary and detail of bidding relating to price discovery of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited are as follows:

**OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Public Offer	: 34,510,000 Ordinary shares
Face Value	: Tk. 10/- each share
Indicative Price	: Tk. 40/- each share, including a premium of Tk. 30/- per share
Price Band for Bidding	: Upward & Downward band of 20% of indicative Price (i.e. Tk. 48/- to Tk. 32/-)
Eligible Institutional Investors (EII) Quota	: 20% of public offer (i.e. 6,902,000 Ordinary shares)

**DETAIL OF BIDDING:**

Bidding Period	: March 01, 2010 at 11:00 am to March 03, 2010 at 4:00 pm								
Time of Bidding	: Periodic (Round the clock)								
Registration Period	: February 23, 2010 at 10:00 am to February 28, 2010 at 2:00 pm								
Period for Depositing Bidding Money	: February 25, 2010 at 10:00 am to March 03, 2010 at 3:00 pm								
Mode of Payment	: Pay Order/B.B.Cheques/Cash/Electronic Transfer								
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Lock in Period for EII : 15 trading days from the first trading day

All Eligible Institutional Investors (EII) [as per Securities and Exchange Commission (Public Issue) Rules, 2006] are requested to participate in the bidding for price discovery of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited.

Prospectus for bidding is also available on the website of SEC ([www.secdb.org](http://www.secdb.org)), DSE ([www.dsebd.org](http://www.dsebd.org)), CSE ([www.cse.com.bd](http://www.cse.com.bd)), Issuer ([www.rakcerambd.com](http://www.rakcerambd.com)), Issue Managers ([www.idlc.com](http://www.idlc.com) & [www.bracepl.com](http://www.bracepl.com)) and Registrar to the Issue ([www.primefinance.net](http://www.primefinance.net)).

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