

Rival Jubo League, AL factions clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Several shots were allegedly fired at the private car of Natore district Jubo League president Shariful Islam Ramzan in Duttapara area near the town Sunday night following internal feud.

Ramzan in a bid to kill him. He said his life was saved as he was not inside the car.

The incident occurred after the State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker left the place.

Additional police have been deployed in the town after the incident.

Police, witnesses and party sources said, a meeting was held at Duttapara Model College Sunday evening in presence of State Minister Ahad Ali Sarker to settle a dispute arising out of an assault on college principal Al Asad bin Sayeed on March 29.

After the discussion the state minister fixed April 18 for next meeting.

During the discussion Ramzan and Jubo League general secretary Shimul had an altercation with Sramik League leader Syed Murtaza Ali Bablu.

Ramzan's chauffeur Suja said, after the state minister left the place, a gang coming on motorbikes obstructed the car of Ramzan. During the attack, four bullets hit the car.

According to a Chandpur report, two BCL cadres were arrested from Sadarghat in Dhaka early yesterday on charge of attacking a local leader of ruling Awami League in Faridganj upazila of the district.

UNB says, acting on secret information that the two cadres Sabuj, 25, and Kanchan, 23, were fleeing to the capital from Haimchar by launch, police raided it and arrested them.

Police said Sabuj and Kanchan aided by several others attacked Abul Kashem Contractor, forest and environment affairs secretary of district AL, leaving him seriously injured Friday night.

UNB from Magura reports: At least ten people were injured in a clash between two groups of Awami League (AL) activists at Chandikhal village in Sreepur upazila yesterday morning.

Police and witnesses said local AL leaders -- Tobarek Ali and Munnu Biswas -- had been at loggerhead since long over establishing supremacy in the village.

65 houses, 100 shanties in Dinajpur, Khulna gutted

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Fire gutted 65 houses in Dinajpur yesterday and over a hundred shanties in Khulna on Saturday.

Our correspondent in Dinajpur reports: At least 65 houses were gutted in a devastating fire at Bagdair village under Kaharol upazila on Monday noon.

The fire also burnt potteries worth over Tk one crore. Officials quoting witnesses said that the fire originated from the kitchen of Ainul Bari at the village at 12:30pm and quickly engulfed the adjacent houses.

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Our staff correspondent in Khulna reports: Ten people received burn injuries while over a hundred shanties were gutted in a devastating fire that broke out at sweepers' colony near the railway market in the town Saturday evening.

The fire, which originated from an oven, destroyed the entire colony and all the belongings of over 400 members of sweeper families.

According to police and eye-witnesses, ten people received burn injuries while desperately trying to extinguish the fire.

The injured were admitted to Khulna General Hospital at Bhaираб Strand Road.

The victims rendered homeless by the devastating fire are now staying under open sky near the colony compound.

HSC examinee attacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An HSC examinee was injured as a gang of criminals attacked him while going home after examination yesterday.

Victim Mosharaf Hossain, 18, is son of Saidur Rahman of Char Dulai village in Sujanager upazila. He is the student of Char Dulai College and appeared in examination from Sujanager centre.

Police and locals said the criminals attacked Mosharaf at about 2:00 pm when he reached Sujanager Bazaar.

Beaten up mercilessly, he was rescued and taken to hospital by locals in acritical condition.

Contacted officer-in-charge of Sujanager police Station ABM Jahid Hossain could not tell the exact reason behind the attack.

Killing, abuse of 2 schoolboys in Sylhet, Sirajganj protested

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Human chains were formed in Sylhet and Sirajganj yesterday protesting killing and sexual abuse of two schoolboys.

Our staff correspondent in Sylhet reports: Students of different schools and their guardians staged a human chain on Airport Road in the city's Chowdekhia area yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the killers of schoolboy Saidul Islam.

Parents of the deceased joined the human chain. Besides, the students of nearby Metropolitan Kindergarten, Anwar-Matin Academy, Hajrat Shah Jalal (RA) Pre Cadet Academy and Shahporan (RA) Pre Cadet Academy participated in it.

A brief rally was also held and it was addressed by Saidul's father Nurul Islam, city corporation's ward councilors Akhtarunnesa Baby and Farhad Chowdhury Shamim, former councillor Abu Nosor Bokul, principal Abdul Matin Chowdhury, advocate MA Matin, Humayun Ahmed Mashuk and principal of Shahporan Pre Cadet Academy Ashutosh Das.

The speakers demanded immediate arrest and punishment to the killers and expressed grave concern at police inaction. They also called upon the law enforcers not to harass any innocent man in connection with the case.

Student of class nine at the Shahporan (RA) Pre Cadet Academy Saidul, 15, was beaten up and stabbed near a hillock, close to the Sylhet divisional stadium on Wednesday afternoon by a group of his playmates residing in Badam Bagicha area.

The boy was first taken to his house, wherefrom rushed to the Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital.

He succumbed to his injuries there next morning.

In Sirajganj, hundreds of people formed a human chain in front of the weekly Jibon Barta office at SS Road in the town demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to a senior member of the local chamber for allegedly sexually abusing a schoolboy.

Earlier, the demonstrators brought out a procession that paraded the main streets in the town. It was followed by a rally at the same venue, reports our correspondent.

The speakers at the rally said the accused who is also linked to National Small and Cottage Industries



PHOTO: STAR

Students and guardians form a human chain on Airport Road in Sylhet city yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the killers of Saidul, inset, a student of Shah Paran (R) Pre-cadet Academy.

Association and local Rotary Club picked up a class seven student of local Sabuj Kanon High School from a road in the town on March 27.

The 13-year old boy was later confined to a godown where he was allegedly tried to

be sexually abused by offering a nice gift. As the boy declined, the accused tied him up with a chair by rope. However, he managed to escape from the place and later narrated the matter to the local youths and guardians.

The speakers further said that the same person was earlier arrested on charge of abusing another schoolboy, but he got released with the help of some dishonest people in police and administration.

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