

# CU teachers protest 'anarchy' on campus

## Two BCL activists severely injured by rival faction at Ruet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong University (CU) teachers yesterday formed a human chain protesting anarchy situation on the campus.

At a rally following the human chain in front of Chittagong Press Club the Chittagong University Teachers' Association (Cuta) leaders strongly protested arson attack on teachers' bus, vandalism, killing of students and filing of 'false' case against former Cuta president Prof ANM Munir Ahmed.

They demanded immediate measures to punish the killers of the three CU students and stern action against those creating unrest on campus.

The Cuta leaders urged the government and CU authorities to save the university from the hands of extortionists, hired goons and non-students restoring congenial academic atmosphere. Otherwise, they threatened to go for tougher programmes including work abstention.

Following the human chain by the teachers, BCL men under the banner of general students

also observed a token hunger strike at the same venue demanding resignation of CUVC Prof Dr Abu Yusuf.

In Rajshahi, two activists of a BCL faction were badly injured as rivals attacked them on Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) campus on Wednesday night, reports our Staff Correspondent.

Akram Hossain Shahin and Zakaria Rubel, both fourth year students were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital.

Thumbnails of Shahin's hands and legs were bruised by hammers. Both were beaten up and stabbed indiscriminately during the attack, said doctors and the injured activists.

Police rescued the two from a mango orchard half-an-hour after the attack at 10:30 pm in front of Shaheed Shahidul Islam Hall.

The incident occurred hours after the city AL sat with the rival groups at its office on Wednesday night and Rajshahi Mayor AHM Khairuzaman asked them to not to make any further chaos until they sit together again on Friday. And the attack took place while the three were returning to their halls from the meeting.



Diarrhoea patients are being treated under the open sky for lack of accommodation at Narail Sadar Hospital. Scores of affected people, including children, are coming from far-flung villages everyday for treatment at the hospital as the water borne-disease broke out in an epidemic form in the district. Patients yesterday also alleged shortage of doctors and staff besides crisis of emergency medicines to cope with the situation.

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Laptop, telephone set and important official documents lie scattered on the floor of the ransacked Biral UNO office in Dinajpur district yesterday.

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# UZ chairman assaults UNO, ransacks office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Biral upazila chairman yesterday assaulted the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) and ransacked his office as the UNO requested him to sign a letter on receipt of an abandoned upazila parishad jeep for his personal use.

Sources said upazila chairman Mokarram Hossain on Wednesday sent a letter to UNO AKM Azadur Rahman, requesting him to hand over the vehicle to him, requesting chairman for his personal use. The UNO agreed to hand over the vehicle and told the chairman to receive it.

Accordingly, UZ chairman Mokarram came to the UNO office at around 2:00pm yesterday. As the UNO requested him to receive the jeep signing a letter, the chairman became furious and hurled abuse at him.

At one stage, he assaulted the UNO, ransacked the office and left the scene. Protesting assault on UNO AKM Azadur Rahman, government officials and employees of the upazila

came out of their respective offices and brought out a procession at the upazila headquarters demanding punishment to the UZ chairman.

Awami League Biral upazila unit also took out a procession demanding punishment to the UZ chairman for desecrating the portraits of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Chairman Mokarram denied the allegation.

Upazila government official and employees and the chairmen of three union parishes--Shahorgram, Biral Sadar and Mongalpur--submitted a Memorandum to the deputy commissioner yesterday demanding immediate action against the UZ chairman.

Contacted, UNO Azadur Rahman said he will file a case against the upazila chairman for assaulting him and ransacking the government office.

Acting Superintendent of Police Md Shujayet Islam told this correspondent that legal action will be taken against the upazila chairman.

# 4 Indians jailed for gun-running

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A court here yesterday jailed four Indian nationals in an arms case.

Convicts Robin, 35, Mill, 28, Over, 25, and Star, 24, all hailing from Shillong, Meghalaya, to suffer 17 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) each, court sources said.

According to the prosecution, the BDR members led by Havilder Abdul Matin of Dona border camp while patrolling Karaballa point in Kanaighat upazila arrested the Indians along with firearms and ammunition on July 15, 2005. The Indians had intruded into Bangladesh territory through Natanpur borders in Assam.

The border guards recovered one AK 56 rifle, 3 grenades

of 102 model, two 9 mm pistols, 316 bullets of AK 56 rifle, 328 bullets of 9 mm pistol, 4 magazines of AK 56 rifle, 3 magazines of 9 mm pistol, 3000 Indian rupees and 2700 Bangladeshi taka from their possession.

Nayek Subedar Md Amir Khasru of 21 Rifle Battalion of Sylhet filed a case in this connection the same day with Kanaighat police.

On investigation, police filed charge sheet on August 14 the same year against the accused.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge of Sylhet-1 took testimony of 20 prosecution witnesses during the trial.

Judge Md Jalal Uddin yesterday pronounced the verdict while asking the authorities for pushing back the convict Indians on completion of their jail term.

# FLASH FLOOD IN GAIBANDHA Boro, other crops on 3,000 acres go under water

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Boro and other crops on thousands of acres have gone under water due to flash flood in shoal areas of four upazilas of the district.

Boro, maize, jute and several other crops on 3,000 acres in Sundarganj, Gaibandha Sadar, Saghata and Fulchhari upazilas have been submerged by flash flood.

Water level continued to increase in Teesta and Jamuna basin in the last two days, WDB sources said.

"We never saw such flash flood in the early Baishakh. This year we could not harvest rabi crops like maize, kawon and cheena in low-lying char areas", said Sadek Ali, a farmer of Belka in Sundarganj upazila.

"Last week Teesta riverbed was almost dry but suddenly its water has gone above five feet", he added.

"My three-bigha maize field have gone under water. Boro crops of many others have also been submerged," said Kobbad Ali of village Kapasia of the same upazila.

The flash flood in Jmuna basin has also intensified erosion in different areas. The worst-hit areas are Chinerpotol and

Chalkpara where huge cropland and dwelling huts have already been devoured by the river, said Hasmatullah, a farmer of Chalkpara in Saghata upazila.

Many of the marginal farmers will be ruined as they are going to lose all their crops along Jamuna basin, said Akbar Hossain, chairman of Kanchipara union in Fulchhari upazila.

Meanwhile, people of Tarapur union alleged that the damaged portion of Brahmaputra flood control embankment is being reconstructed in a poor way.

"They are only using sand which may be washed away again in the rainy season," said a local.

According to the WDB sources, over five-kilometer stretch of Brahmaputra flood control embankment in Tarapur union washed away in 1998 due to surging floodwater.

Due to this vast areas of Tarapur, Dahabandh and adjacent areas go under floodwater every year.

Last year Tk 2.5 cr were allocated for the reconstruction of 4.3-kilometer stretch of the embankment along Lathalar char, Khorda, Rahamater char and Kismat Shawler char.

# Boro crops flooded in Pabna as dike collapses

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Boro paddy over 1,000 hectares of land have gone under water due to collapse of an embankment of the Gumani River in Vangura upazila of the district on Wednesday.

Locals said the embankment collapsed at Puibil point as water level in the river marked a sharp rise in the last two days.

Upazila administration and locals threw about 1,000 sandbags on the breached portion of the embankment until 11:00pm on Wednesday to reduce the extent of damage.

The worst affected areas are Dilpashra, Khanmorich and Ashtomonisha unions. Water Development Board (WDB) said it has no fund to

repair the dike as it is an abandoned project.

Local officials of the Agriculture Extension department said if water level in the Gumani River continues to rise, boro on 500 more hectares of land in Khanmorich, Dilpashra, Aughtomonisha and Char Vangura unions will also go under water.

Nirbahi Officer Ananda Kumar Biswas said UZ chairman administration with the help of the local people and the workers from different projects are trying to repair the embankment temporarily.

"We threw 2,000 sandbags on the breached portion until 4:00pm yesterday to reduce pressure of water. But this is temporary work," The UNO said.



Farmers of Haimchar upazila under Chandpur district demonstrate and besiege the Krishi Bank upazila branch yesterday protesting alleged irregularities in disbursement of agricultural subsidy by the bank staff.

PHOTO: STAR

# Farmers besiege bank to protest 'subsidy scam'

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Farmers laid a siege to Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) Haimchar upazila branch in Chandpur yesterday protesting alleged irregularities in disbursement of agricultural subsidy.

A large number of farmers besieged the bank for two hours from 10:00 am and staged protest against taking Tk 100 as bribe by the bank staff during the opening of account and Tk 100 at the time of distribution of subsidy.

They also alleged that the bank staff harassed them by not disbursing subsidy despite announcing several dates for the purpose. Later police went to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Agitating farmers Mosharraf, Ferdaus,

Jahangir, Harun, Soleman, Khokan, Alamgir and Sekandar of Dakkhin Algi, Kamlapur and Bhingulia areas of the upazila alleged that they had to give Tk 100 per head as bribe for opening account.

They said the bank staff set four to five dates for distributing the subsidy but did not give money to them.

The farmers said they were to suffer Tk 800 diesel subsidy but they had to get loss of Tk 600 for coming to the bank on four days stopping their work. Even after that the bank staff were deducting Tk 200 from subsidy of each of the farmers, they alleged.

Officer-in-charge of Haimchar Police Station Md Helal Uddin said police have been deployed in front of the bank to avert any untoward incident.



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About 3,000 acres of land in three upazilas of Gaibandha district have been inundated by flash flood, affecting boro, maize, jute and other crops. Photo shows a submerged maize field in Fulchhari upazila.

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