

PSTU expels 20 BCL activists temporarily for anarchy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Disciplinary Committee of Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) has expelled 20 students and fined seven others belonging to BCL for different terms on charge of creating anarchy on the campus.

Naser Saleh, Deputy Registrar of PSTU issued the expulsion order on behalf of the disciplinary committee. The committee took the decision at its 8th meeting on Tuesday chaired by vice chancellor Prof Shakhawat Hussain.

PSTU sources said, the committee expelled six students for two semesters and 14 for one semester.

Those expelled for two semesters are Monjur Rahman Joni (4th semester), Madhob Chandra Shil (7th semester), Niaz Morshed Shaon (6th semester), Arifur Rahman Peyel (3rd semester) of Agriculture faculty, Mazharul Islam Shakil (7th semester) of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) faculty and Khalid Mahmud Khan (7th semester) of Business Administration and

Management (BAM) faculty.

All of them were also fined Tk 5,000 each.

The students who were expelled for one semester are Tanjilur Rahman Khan, (7th semester), Moniruzzaman Himu (7th semester), Rakibul Islam Roni (7th semester), Kawsar Hossain Tarun (7th semester), Mohsin Ul Sayeed Tusher (7th semester), Ramesh Canra Das (6th semester), Sohag Mir (4th semester), Abu Sayeed Md Hasan (4th semester), Belal Hossain Rajib (4th semester), of Agriculture faculty and Shuvo, (7th semester), Sanjib Sarker Pintu (6th semester), Akbar Ali Joni (4th semester), Ali Marjan (3rd semester) of BAM faculty, Sudhan Chandra Shil (7th semester) of CSE faculty.

Besides, seven others fined Tk 5,000 each are Saiful Islam Roni, Zayed Bin Ali Sujon, Shuvo Saha, Bishajit Das Hero of BAM faculty, Sheikh Sabbir Ahmed, Belal Hossain Rajib of Agriculture faculty and Sudhan Chandra Shil (7th semester) of CSE faculty.

Contacted, chairman of the disciplinary committee and VC Prof Dr Shakhawat Hussain said the authorities took the decision in the greater interest of the institution. This will help improve law and order to ensure congenial atmosphere on the campus, he added.

PSTU sources said, the aforesaid students were involved in factional clashes on the campus in February.

On February 9, at least 25 people were injured as rival BCL factions led by Jewel and Shakil locked in a violent clash.

Cadres of the two groups attacked Sher-e-Bangla Hall and M Keramat Ali Hall at night ransacking at least 20 rooms.

On February 8 at least eight rooms of Shibir students in PSTU were ransacked by the BCL.

Over 50 BCL activists attacked Sher-e-Bangla Hall and M Keramat Ali Hall and ransacked Shibir men's rooms following Shibir attack on BCL at Rajshahi University (RU).



Locals caught this fishing cat at Mohammadnagar in Jiri union of Patiya upazila under Chittagong district yesterday morning. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA



A large number of teachers and students form a human chain in Bagatipara upazila headquarters yesterday demanding arrest of Awami League leader Abdul Quddus, also managing committee chairman of Bhitbarbagh High School, on charge of assaulting the headmistress of the school. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Robbers loot 11 houses in Chandpur, N'ganj

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Robbers looted 11 houses in Chandpur and Narayanganj on Wednesday.

Hasina Begum, 30, and Tafura Begum, 70, of Paschim Sakdi area in Sadar upazila of Chandpur were injured by armed gang as five robberies were committed in the district yesterday.

Police said, a gang of robbers entered the houses of Mujibur Rahman and his brother Mizanur Rahman at Shaheb Bazar Mridha Bari of Sadar upazila at around 2:30 am. The gang looted Tk 50,000 and over five tolas of gold ornaments from the two houses.

At dead of night the robbers also stormed the houses of Tafura and Hasina of Guard Bari in Paschim Sakdi area. They looted Tk 5,000 and a cell phone set from the house of Hasina. Failing to find anything in the house of Tafura, they beat up the old woman.

The gang also looted Tk 17,000 and one tola gold from the house of Selim and Tk 10,000 and two tolas of gold ornaments from the house of Masud Rana and two tolas of gold and Tk 1,000 from Khan Bari in Maijer Bari of the area.

In Narayanganj, robbers looted valuables from four houses at Zangalia Uttarpara village in Arahazar, according to UNB.

They also injured Shah Alam, a businessman of the village.

Locals said, 20-25 masked robbers swooped on the house of Shah Alam, took all the house members hostage at gun point and looted Tk 3.50 lakh in cash, 15 tolas of gold ornaments and other goods.

Shah Alam was injured in an attack by the gang as he tried to resist them.

Later, the criminals attacked houses of three of his tenants -- Baten, Mahbub and Jalil - and took away seven and a half tolas of gold ornaments and two cell phone sets.

Our Correspondent in Jhenidah adds: A team from Kaliganj police station arrested a ringleader of inter-district robbers yesterday.

Arrestee Abul Bashar, 45, is son of late Fazul Bapari of Bahirgachhi Bazar under Kaliganj upazila.

Officer-in-charge (OC) AKM Faruk Hossain of Kaliganj police station said, police arrested Bashar from his house at Bahirgachhi. Bashar is wanted in eight cases for robbery and extortion, he said.

'Intensify land commission's campaign in CHT'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Land Dispute Resolution Commission (CHTLDR) Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury yesterday asked governing officials to gear up the ongoing campaign to make the affected people aware of the commission's task.

"We want to come closer to the affected people through the campaign and resolve their land disputes," the commission chief said while addressing a meeting in the conference room of Rangamati District Sports Association.

He again stressed the need for land survey in the three hill districts and urged the government to complete the survey as early as possible.

The land commission and the district administration also brought out a joint procession in the town, urging the land dispute victims to submit their applications to the commission.

Diarrohea claims 7 in three days at St Martin's No doctor at lone hospital

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Seven people died of diarrhoea while more than 50 others were admitted to hospital in last three days in St Martin's Island in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar.

Locals said, there is no doctor in the 10-bed hospital in the coral island. A fourth class employee is taking care of the patients as their sufferings mounting every day.

Witnesses said, Karim Ullah, four-year-old son of farmer Amir Hossain of Dakkhinpara died while being taken to the hospital yesterday morning. Sona Meher, a three and a half years old daughter of fisherman Sona Ali of Majherpara died at noon the same day while being taken to Teknaf Hospital by a trawler.

Sona Ali said, saline and other life-saving medicines

are not available at the two medicine shops in St Martin's Island.

Locals said three people died of diarrhoea on Wednesday. They are Fatema Begum, 23, daughter of Kabir Ahmed of Dakkhinpara, Anwara Begum, 30, daughter of Fazal Ahmed of Purbapara and Monir Ahmed, 10, son of Khalil Ahmed of Uttarpara.

Two children died in two other villages of the island on the day before.

Confirming the deaths, chairman of St Martin Island union parishad Feroz Ahmed Khan said, water in most of the tube wells in the island has dried up because of excessive heat. Most other tube wells are giving salty water. People are being affected by diarrhoea due to intake of drinking water with excessive salt and adulterated food, he added.

Assault by extortionists triggers protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The staff of Lalmonirhat Poursave (municipality) yesterday observed work stoppage for three hours from 10:00am protesting assault on one of their colleagues by a gang of illegal toll collectors.

As many as 137 staff of the municipality brought out a procession in the town and held a rally on their office premises at 1:30pm.

At the rally, the speakers demanded arrest of the culprits within the next 24 hours. Otherwise, they threatened to launch a tougher agitation programme.

Pourasava office sources said a gang of five led by former secretary of BCL Lalmonirhat pourasava unit Masum Shikder beat up jeep driver Anwar Hossain in front

of the office at around 9:00am as he refused to give them illegal toll.

Anwar told this correspondent that Masum Shikder and four others intercepted him while he was going to bring the mayor from his residence and demanded Tk 5,000. "As I refused to oblige, they beat me him up and left the scene."

Anwar filed a case with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station against Masum and four others. None of the accused was arrested as of filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday.

Contacted, president of Lalmonirhat district BCL Abdul Khaleque Babu said Masum Shikder was a local BCL leader four years ago. Now he is not involved with student politics.

SNIPPETS

Youth's body exhumed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police exhumed body of a youth from a graveyard at Nayalavanga village of Shibganj upazila on Wednesday noon after two months of his alleged murder. The man was identified as Abul Kalam, 28, son of Mozaffar Hossain of Nayalavanga village under Shibganj upazila in Chapainawabganj. Police said, Abul Kalam went missing after one Faruk of the same village called him out of his house at night at about 11pm on March 16 this year. Villagers found his body in the morning at Goaltuli crop field, around two kilometers away from his house. Victim's elder brother Ekramul Haque lodged a murder case with Judicial Magistrate Court on April 4 accusing ten people of Gainpara-Nayalavanga village.

Fugitive convict held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police arrested a fugitive convict in a rape case at Tarapur village of Shibganj on Wednesday. The arrestee was identified as Shamsul Haque, 55, of Tarapur village under Monakasha union of Shibganj. Acting on a tip off, a police team from Shibganj raided Shamsul's house of Tarapur village and arrested him at around 1:00pm. Earlier, District and Session's Judge awarded him life-term imprisonment for rape in 1998. Since then Shamsul had been absconding, said SI Sanwar Hossain, duty officer of Shibganj police station.

5 criminals arrested

UNB, Chuadanga

Five criminals, who attacked a student and a teacher of a school in Sadar upazila, were arrested on Wednesday. The arrestees are Yakub, 19, Mahbub, 20, Moshin, 19, Rubel, 18, and Salek, 21. They entered the Dingedaha Suhrawardi Swarani School and started beating Asad, a student of class nine inside the classroom while the class was going on at noon. Class teacher Mosharrif Hossain also came under attack as he tried to protect his student. Being informed, locals rushed in, caught the attackers and handed them over to police.

Yaba tablets seized

UNB, Comilla

BDR jawans in a drive early Wednesday seized 5000 pieces of banned Yaba tablets worth Tk 25 lakh at Akbalia village near Jashpur border in Sadar South upazila. Acting on a tip off, a team of border guards conducted the drive at about 4:00 am and seized the sex stimulating tablets in abandoned state.

Domestic help tortured

UNB, Sylhet

A domestic help sustained serious burn injuries as her housemistress poured hot water on her body at Londoni Road in the city on Tuesday. Victim Rushna Begum, 15, is daughter of Ahad Ali of Sadipur village in Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj district. Police said housemistress Parvin Akter Banu used to torture Rushna on flimsy pretext. On information, police rescued the victim at about 7:00pm and sent her to Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital. Later, police arrested Parvin.

Bombs seized, one arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police recovered 10 bombs and arrested a criminal from Amla bazaar in Mirpur upazila in the district on Wednesday night.

Police said a patrol team from Amla police camp saw a young man standing by the road near Amla Bazaar at about 8:30 pm.

As he was carrying a bag, police asked him about it. Later they searched the bag on suspicion and recovered the bombs.

The youth was identified as Anarul Mollah, 36, son of Kushabaria in the upazila.

Prisoner dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An under-trial prisoner of Sylhet Central Jail died at Osmani Medical College and Hospital on Tuesday.

Mujibur Rahman, 37, hailing from village Ganikandi Kanaighat upazila was an accused in a kidnap case.

He was admitted to the hospital on April 25 for psychiatric treatment, sources said.

After post-mortem, the body was handed over to his family Wednesday afternoon.

BALLOT SNATCHING CASE Charge framing against Ilyas Ali deffered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday deferred charge framing against district BNP chief and former lawmaker M Ilyas Ali and 47 others in ballot paper snatching case.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Enayet Kabir Sarker fixed July 7 for framing charges against the accused following a petition by the defence counsel, seeking extension of time, court sources said.

Ilyas Ali and 47 other BNP men were sued on charge of snatching two ballot papers with seal on the 'sheaf of paddy' from government officials on the day of last parliamentary election on December 29.

Police filed the case on December 30 as Ilyas Ali and others showed the ballot papers to the people present

at a press conference at Sylhet Press Club the same day. At the conference, the BNP men claimed that they found the abandoned ballot papers in a paddy field behind Ashuganj Government Primary School in Biswanath upazila.

The accused appeared before the High court and got ad interim bail. As the accused sought extension of bail on April 28 last year, the HC bench comprising Justice Md Abdul Wahab Miah and Justice Marjui Haque asked them (accused) to appear before the court concerned in eight weeks.

Accordingly, Ilyas and 47 others appeared before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on June 22 and got ad interim bail. The Chief Judicial Magistrate then referred the case to the Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate-1.

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