

APR 5 CLASHES, VANDALISM ON CAMPUS

KU permanently expels 4 students, punishes 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna University authorities on Tuesday permanently expelled four students and took punitive measures against 30 others for their involvement in an untoward incident on the campus on April 5 this year.

This decision was taken at the 143rd meeting of the university syndicate with Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Saifuddin Shah in the chair.

According to the syndicate decision, classes of the university, shut on April 5 after the incident, will resume on June 13. All dormitories of the university will also reopen at 7 am on the previous day.

Students will have to keep with them their identity card, library card or medical card for entering dormitories and campus.

The university syndicate in its meeting also declared cell phone flexiload trader Shahnewaz unwanted on the campus. Shahnewaz is staff photographer of Khulna bureau office of a Dhaka based daily. The four students permanently expelled from the university are Abir Hossain Talukder of Urban Planning, Golam Faruque of Social Science, Saiful Islam Bappi of Business Administration and Zakaria Jaber of Architecture department.

Besides, seven students have been expelled for two years and fined Tk. 15,000 each, in default, to face expulsion for more one year, 13 students for one year and fined Tk. 15,000 each while 10 others fined Tk. 15,000 each as their involvement was proved beyond doubt by the probe committee.

The authorities also exempted eight

others from punishment. The punished students are not allowed to enter the campus without prior permission. However, they can appeal as per rule to Academic Council against their punishment, the VC said.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor formed a seven-member committee on April 6 to probe the untoward incident of April 5. Forty-two students were served with show cause notices suspecting their involvement in the vandalism.

On April 5, a few students of the university locked in an altercation with flexiload shop owner Shahnewaz over non-payment of dues.

At a stage it turned into a fierce clash between two groups forcing the authorities to shut the university indefinitely.

Shibir cadres flex muscles near RU Two held in Faruk killing case

A CORRESPONDENT, RU

A large number of Shibir cadres on Tuesday night gathered and flexed their muscles in Binodpur Bazar area triggering tension at Rajshai University (RU).

Witnesses said at around 8.30pm, over 300 Shibir men assembled on Dhaka-Rajshahi highway demanding release of their leaders and activists arrested in connection with February 9 campus violence.

They also held a short meeting in a mosque at Binodpur and threatened to paralyse the campus if their leaders and activists were not allowed to enter RU unconditionally.

In the meeting, the Shibir leaders also instructed their cadres to get ready for any action programme any time, sources said.

On information, the law enforcers rushed to the spot but failed to nab anybody, police said.

Meanwhile, panic gripped

the general students over a rumour that Shibir men returned to the campus with firearms at night. Many students left their dormitories in fear while Chhatra League (BCL) men took position in front of the hall gates with sharp weapons and firearms. They stayed there till midnight.

The BCL men also held a protest procession on the campus against Shibir yesterday morning creating sense of uncertainty among the general students.

BCL RU unit president Awal Kabir Joy said they will resist the Shibir attempt to enter campus at any cost.

RU proctor Prof Chowdhury Zakaria said the authorities have strengthened security in and around the campus to ensure peaceful atmosphere.

Officer-in-charge of Motihar police station said they are conducting regular drives to avert any possible untoward situation on campus.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday arrested two cadres of Islami Chhatra Shibir from the city's Laximpur area in connection with the February 9 murder of a Chhatra League (BCL) worker at Rajshahi University (RU).

Police identified them as Ali Reza Porag, a fourth year student of Pharmacy Department and FIR-named accused in the murder case and Anisur Rahman Sumon, also fourth year student of Islamic History and Culture Department.

"Porag and Sumon are armed cadres of Shibir and residents of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall. They were on the run after the murder", said Abul Khair, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Motihar Police Station.

Acting on a tip-off, Motihar police arrested them from the office of Shishu Kantha Sangsad, a children's organisation run by Jamaat and Shibir leaders near Jamuna Clinic in the area, said police. The OC said that the

arrestees told police that Shibir men often use the children's office for holding meetings and other activities.

"They (Shibir) were preparing for creating fresh anarchy on the campus," said the OC.

On February 9, Jamaat and Shibir men in a joint attack killed RU unit BCL worker Faruk Hossain and injured about 100 others.

At least 14 cases were filed in this regard against more than 200 people while police arrested a number of the accused in the last few weeks.

Meanwhile, one person was injured in a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir at Sunamganj Government College yesterday, reports UNB.

College sources said the clash erupted following an altercation between the supporters of two student bodies over the filing-in of admission forms.

Nabil 19, a BCL activist, was injured in the clash.

BCL cadres also ransacked a hostel of Shibir near the college, sources said.

CHITTAGONG CITY CORPORATION POLLS



1) Nagorik Committee supported Chittagong city mayoral candidate ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury wave at people at Agrabad in the city, 2) Unnayan Andolon backed candidate M Manjur Alam does the same at Patharghata, 3) Electronic voting machine being unloaded from a vehicle in front of the Election Commission office in Chittagong as the commission arranges e-voting system, first of its kind in Bangladesh, in a ward of the city for the election scheduled for June 17, and 4) Bangladesh Rifles men get on a vehicle to patrol different areas of the city.



23 shops gutted in Chandpur, 20 injured

UNB, Chandpur

At least 23 shops were gutted and 20 people injured in a devastating fire that broke out at Shachar Bazaar in Kachua upazilla on Tuesday night.

Fire service sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a grocery shop and soon engulfed the adjoining shops of the area.

On information, fire fighters from Kachua upazilla headquarters rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze after three hours of hectic efforts.

Some 20 people injured while trying to extinguish the blaze were rushed to a local hospital.

BSF kills one

UNB, Joypurhat

A cattle trader was shot dead by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at Hathkholra border in Panchbibi upazila Tuesday night.

The deceased was identified as Shamim Hossain, 30, son of Late Neel Mia of Hathkholra village.

BDR and local sources said BSF troops shot him dead near border pillar no. 280/4 while he was returning from India after buying cattle at about 11:30pm. Later, the body was handed over to his relatives.

BDR in a protest letter to their Indian counterparts strongly protested the incident.

EC set to introduce e-voting in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Election Commission is going to introduce electronic voting system for the first time in Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) election scheduled for June 17.

Fourteen electronic voting machines (EVM) reached Chittagong yesterday and a mock voting will be held at Jamal Khan (Ward-21) tomorrow and on Saturday to make voters acquainted with the system.

A 25-member team of experts from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) has

already arrived in the port city to provide technical assistance to the e-voting system.

The voters will be able to cast their trial votes at eight polling centres set up at Dr Khastagir Government Girls' High School, Shah Waliullah Institute, Kusum Kumari City Corporation Primary School, Shishubagh School, Regional Public Administration Training Centre, Little Flowers School and Saleh Zahur City Corporation High School from 8:00am to 4:00pm on Friday and Saturday.

Training for the polling

officials of 14 polling centres in ward no 21, the lone ward selected for e-voting, will be held at National Primary School at city's Love Lane today.

Assistant Returning Officer Dulal Talukder said the EVM will take no extra time to count ballots after completion of the polling and there will be no risk of rejection of vote.

Meanwhile, two companies of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) were deployed in the port city yesterday. The para military troops will be patrolling the city until June 18 for maintaining a peaceful atmosphere.



PHOTO: STAR

Workers at Naogaon Tailors in Panchagarh town busy making flags, mostly of Brazil and Argentina, as demand for the flags of two top favourites rises greatly ahead of the World Cup Football starting tomorrow.

Acid attack on mother, baby sparks protest in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Acid attack on a mother and her baby girl has sparked protests in Magura but the law-enforcers seemed indifferent to it as the culprit is yet to be arrested seven days into the incident.

Lokmorcha, a non-government organisation, formed a human chain and held a protest rally yesterday at Bhaina Square in the town demanding immediate arrest of the culprit.

At the rally, the speakers demanded exemplary punishment to the person involved in the acid attack. They also threatened tougher agitation if the

culprit is not arrested by next five days.

A resident of Rishipara in the town, Babita Khatun, 28, and her four-year-old baby girl Ratna are now groaning in pain at Magura Sadar Hospital. Imran, 27, allegedly threw acid on them as Rabita refused to accept his indecent proposal. The mother and the baby sustained severe burn injuries on their faces, necks and other parts of body.

Talking to this correspondent, Babita said, she had been living at the house of one Popy Khatun of Rishipara as a tenant for the last two years after being divorced by Waliur Rahman

of Chilgari village under Kalinagar union in Sreepur upazila of the district.

She was forced to make a living by working as housemaid at different houses after the divorce, the victim said.

Meantime, Imran, son of Abul Hossain of the same area made an indecent proposal. Disgruntled by repeated refusal, some days ahead of the acid attack, Imran threatened her with dire consequences, Babita alleged, adding that the culprit threw acid on them through the window on night of June 2.

Later a case accusing Imran was filed with sadar police station but the culprit is still evading arrest.

Illegal clinic sealed, 'fake' doctor held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A mobile court Tuesday night sealed an illegal eye clinic and arrested its 'fake' doctor Wahiduzzaman alias Shahid, 40, in Kazipara area in the town.

Executive magistrate Shirin Shabnam led the court aided by a team from Rab-8 and local police.

Police said, the mobile court raided the clinic at around 9:30pm. Wahiduzzaman alias Shahid failed to show any valid papers including trade license in favour of the clinic to the court.

Contacted, the executive magistrate in Patuakhali told this correspondent that the clinic was running without

any approval from Director General (DG), Health. Owner of the clinic also failed to show any paper on the machinery in his clinic.

Police on the spot sealed the clinic and Abdul Khaleq, SI of Patuakhali police station filed a case with the police station in this regard.

Locals alleged that Shahid was running his business in the area for the last six months at a rented house in Kazipara area.

Patients used to receive primary treatment at his clinic. After some days he sends them to Barisal in the name of better treatment.

"This way he was cheating locals in the name of treatment," said a relative of a patient.

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