



Students of Fine Arts Department of Rajshahi University observe a sit-in in front of the departmental chairman's office after confining him to his room demanding withdrawal of manifold rise in session fees.

Fee hike triggers protest

RU proctor, teachers confined for about 3 hours

A RU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Fine Arts department at Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday confined proctor, department chairman and three teachers to office and classroom protesting abrupt increase in fees for filling up examination forms.

The agitating students also vandalised the department's windows, notice board and furniture and burnt an effigy

of the department chairman. Sources said, at around 11:30 in the morning students of 2006-07 session staged demonstration in front of the department chairman's office demanding cancellation of the increased fee.

The authorities recently hiked the fees for filling up final year examination forms for the session from Tk 350 to Tk 3,030.

As the chairman expressed

his inability, the protesters along with the students of different sessions locked his office confining chairman Prof Abdul Matin Talukdar and two teachers of the department, Prof Sidhartha Sankar Talukdar and Humayun Kabir, to the room 24 hours.

The students then staged a sit-in in front of the office to press home their demand.

On information, RU proctor Prof Chowdhury Zakaria along with an assistant proctor rushed to the department to settle the matter.

At one stage, the students confined the proctor, the assistant proctor and Prof Zahid Hossain, a teacher of the department to a classroom at around 12:30pm, as the proctor could not give any assurance to resolve the issue.

They also snapped the electricity supply during their confinement to the office and classroom.

Hearing the news, RU student adviser Prof Golam Sabir Sattar rushed to the department and assured the agitating students to place the mater to vice chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan within 24 hours.

Finally, the students freed the proctor, department chairman and three teachers at around 3:00 pm.

Sources said the students of 2005-06 session paid Tk 350 for filling up forms of final year examinations last year while the students of session 2007-08 have been asked to pay Tk 3,030.

Prof Abdul Matin Talukdar, chairman of the department however said they had increased the fees to Tk 5,600 as per directive of the university authorities six months ago. But the department cut the fees to Tk 3,030 after the students raised protest at that time, he said.

45 JCD men sued in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Forty five activists of Netrakona district Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) including Maniruzzaman Dudu president of district JCD were sued yesterday for beating a pedestrian and damaging a grocery shop in Kurpar area in the town.

Raja Kashem of Satpai area filed this case with Netrakona police station.

Kasem in his complaint said, 45 to 50 JCD activists including Maniruzzaman Dudu attacked him with lethal weapons in Kurpar area when he was returning home by a rickshaw from Kurpar.

The aforesaid accused also damaged a grocery shop there during hartal, he added.

Police arrested JCD activist Anik in this connection.

Two robbers killed in mob beating

UNB, Manikganj

Two alleged robbers were killed and another three injured in mob beating at Gholganda village in Ghor upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Omar Ali, 25, and Sumon, 28. The injured are Nannu Miah, 32, Abdul, 26, and Faruk, 25.

All the three hailed from Madaripur and Faridpur districts.

Police said an armed gang numbering 8/10 entered the house of Zinnat Ali for committing robbery at about 1:30am.

Hearing the hue and cry of the house members, locals rushed to the spot and caught five of them red-handed and beat them mercilessly.

Other robbers, however, managed to flee.

On information, police rescued them and admitted to Sadar hospital where Omar Ali died at 4:00am and Sumon at 9:30am.

Police also recovered one firearm, one machete, one billhook and five mobile phone sets from the spot.

ASSAULT ON RMC TEACHER

Bail prayers of 5 rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court yesterday rejected the bail prayers of a leader of interns and four leaders and activists of Chhatra League (BCL) unit of Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) in the case for assaulting RMC teacher Dr Nawshad Ali on June 21.

Police arrested Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital's Intern Doctors' Council president Shah Alam Siddiqui Lal, RMC unit BCL president Sampad Kumar Dutta and BCL activists Sandip Kumar Moitra, Nahiduzzaman and Nirjhor Mondol following the assault.

The arrestees through their lawyers submitted prayers to the second court of district judge Amirul Islam for bail, said the court officials. They also submitted an affidavit of Dr Nawshad Ali for withdrawing the case.

The court rejected their bail prayers as Dr Nawshad did not turn up at the court in favour of his affidavit, said the sources. Dr Nawshad was not

Thakurgaon Betar artistes agitate for arrears

Demand removal of corrupt officials

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Artistes of Thakurgaon Station of Bangladesh Betar have demanded payment of their arrears for over a year.

At a meeting held at Thakurgaon Intersection yesterday, the radio artistes under the banner of Thakurgaon Betar Shilpi Samaj also demanded immediate removal and punishment of a few staff of the radio station for embezzling government fund allocated for the artistes.

A team from Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) also visited the radio station to inquire into the matter.

Before disclosure of the matter, the RD had informed the artistes that they would not be contracted for programmes due to shortage of fund but he did not say anything about the cause of fund crisis when the artistes asked him, speakers said at yesterday's meeting.

They demanded a neutral investigation into the embezzlement and removal of all 'disqualified' artistes listed through nepotism and corruption.

Payment of artistes should be made through bank cheques to avert such corruption in future, they said.

The artistes also demanded setting up a broadcasting house in the town.

During the five-hour-long protest meeting the artistes rendered songs at regular intervals.

Among others, renowned educationist and cultural personality Prof Montosh Kumar Dey, convener of Thakurgaon Betar Shilpi Samaj Mozammel Haque Bablu, President of Thakurgaon unit of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote Shafiqul Islam and General Secretary of Thakurgaon Press Club Akther Hossain Raza spoke at the meeting presided over by Principal Merazul Hossain.

Later the artistes placed a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner Md Shahiduzzaman containing their demand.

Earlier on June 16, radio artistes formed a human chain at Thakurgaon Intersection demanding punishment of those who embezzled government fund for Thakurgaon Station of Bangladesh Betar.



Radio artistes of Thakurgaon Station of Bangladesh Betar observe a protest programme at Thakurgaon Intersection yesterday demanding one year's arrear payment of their honorarium and punishment of corrupt officials of the station for embezzlement of government fund.

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Limited (BAPEX)
Shahjalal Tower (4th Floor), 80/A-B, Siddeshwari Circular Road, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh

শিল্পে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস গৃহস্থালীতে বিকল্প জ্বালন

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অপচয় রোধ
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Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry/ Division	:	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
2. Agency	:	Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Limited (BAPEX) (A Company of Petrobangla).
3. Procuring entity name	:	Project Director, Mubarakpur Oil/Gas Exploration Well Drilling Project.
4. Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka.
5. Invitation Ref. No./ Tender No.	:	BAPEX/ADMIN/INT/TEN-531/2010 dated 20/06/2010.
6. Invitation for	:	Procurement of Integrated Geophysical and Geological Interpretation and Modeling Software and Hardware for Geological Division.

KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement method : Open tendering method (International Competitive Bidding), single stage one envelope system.

FUNDING INFORMATION

8. Budget and source of funds : Under cash foreign exchange.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Project name : Mubarakpur Oil/Gas Exploration Well Drilling Project.

10. Last selling date of tender : 04/08/2010 at 15:00hrs. (BST).

11. Place of tender selling : a) Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Co. Ltd. (BAPEX), Accounts & Finance Division (2nd Floor), Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B, Siddeshwari Circular Road, Malibagh, Dhaka-1217. b) Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka. c) Titas Gas T & D Company Ltd., 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1217.

12. Date & time for selling of tender document : Tender documents will be available from 27/06/2010 to 04/08/2010 between 9.00hrs. to 15.00hrs. BST on all working days (except government holidays).

13. Tender closing date & time : 05/08/2010 at 11:00hrs. (BST).

14. Tender opening date & time : 05/08/2010 at 11:30hrs. (BST).

15. Place of tender receiving & opening : Purchase Department, Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Co. Ltd. (BAPEX), Shahjalal Tower (7th Floor), 80/A-B, Siddeshwari Circular Road, Malibagh, Dhaka-1217.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

16. Eligibility of tenderer : Bonafide manufacturers/suppliers or their authorized agents of all countries except IASTEL.

17. Brief description of goods : Integrated Geophysical and Geological Interpretation and Modeling Software and Hardware.

18. Price of tender document : Bangladeshi Taka 5,000.00 or US\$ 70.00 (non-refundable).

19. Procuring entity details : Project Director, Mubarakpur Oil/Gas Exploration Well Drilling Project, Shahjalal Tower (13th Floor), 80/A-B, Siddeshwari Circular Road, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh.

20. Address of the official inviting tender : General Manager (Administration), Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Co. Ltd. (BAPEX), Shahjalal Tower (5th Floor), 80/A-B, Siddeshwari Circular Road, Malibagh, Dhaka-1217.

21. Special instruction : a) Tender must remain valid for 120 days from the date of closing of the tender. b) Time for completion of delivery 56 days (8 weeks) from the date of receipt of letter of credit. c) Mode of shipment: By Air. d) Amount of tender security for US\$ 6,200.00 or any equivalent amount of freely convertible currency in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh or Bank Guarantee issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh or from any reputable foreign bank duly endorsed by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh located in Dhaka with full obligation and liabilities. e) The tender security must remain valid for one hundred forty eight (148) days from the date of closing of the tender. f) If tender opening day happens to fall on any holiday tenders shall be opened at the same hours on the first subsequent working day. g) This tender notice will also be available at Petrobangla Website: www.petrobangla.org.bd and BAPEX Website: www.bapecx.com.bd.

22. This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Regulations-2003 & 2008.

23. The company reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

24. General Manager (Admin)

SNIPPETS

Youth drowns in river

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A young man was drowned yesterday while taking bath in the river Padma in Boronoupara area under Louhajang upazila of the district. The victim was identified as Tajul Islam, 17, son of Nazir Sheikh under the upazila. Sources said, Tajul jumped into the river from a sand laden boat and went missing. His fellows rescued him after about half an hour of the incident. They rushed him to a local hospital where on duty doctors declared him dead.

Two fishermen rescued

UNB, Bagerhat

Coastguards rescued two abducted fishermen from a trawler in Majher Char coastal area here in the Baleshwar river on Saturday. The two were identified as Jitendra Nath Biswas, 55, of Narail district and Jashim, 16, of Pirojpur district. Coastguards of Mongla West Zone said, acting on a tip-off they challenged the trawler in the evening and sensing danger the pirates jumped into the river from the trawler and fled away. Later, the coastguards rescued the two fishermen from the trawler who were abducted for ransom four days ago. They also recovered four bullets from the trawler.

HSTU students agitate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Students of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) yesterday announced procession, sit-in today and called hartal tomorrow to force the HSTU authorities to cancel the decision to punish 15 students. The HSTU authorities on Thursday expelled 15 students on different terms for violating university discipline. Amit Partha Sarker, on behalf of the HSTU students, read out the programme at a press conference. The students also threatened to go for fast-unto-death. On Sunday, the students formed a human chain on the campus to press the authorities to cancel the punishment.

Housewife beaten to death

UNB, Sylhet

A housewife who was beaten up on Thursday allegedly by her husband in Ghashtila area of the city died at Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital on Sunday. The victim was identified as Ratna Begum, 32, wife of Shahed Ali of Durgapur village in Netrakona district and mother of four children. They were residing in the Ghashtila area of the city since long. Local people said, Shahed Ali, following a family feud beat up Ratna mercilessly leaving her critically injured on Thursday night. She was rushed to the hospital where she succumbed to her injuries at about 2:00pm Sunday.

Yaba tablets seized

UNB, Comilla

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) men seized 5000 pieces of Indian Yaba tablets at Khilatali in Burichang upazila in the district on Sunday night. On secret information, a team of BDR raided the area and seized the contraband sex stimulating tablets in an abandoned condition. None was arrested in this connection.

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