

JUNE 28 INCIDENT AT RU FINE ARTS DEPT

Chairman for action against 4, students protest decision

A RU CORRESPONDENT

The chairman of fine arts department at Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday recommended that the university authorities suspend four students of the department for leading the June 28 incident.

The accused are third year student Tanjib Ahmed, fourth year student Sarwar, and second year students Asib Kabir and Sujan.

Protesting the chairman's recommendation for suspension of the four, students of fine arts department staged a demonstration at the department and submitted a memorandum to the vice-chancellor.

Chairman Prof Abdul Matin Talukder said he made the recommendation to Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan as per decision of the academic committee's

meeting held on Thursday.

The department's academic committee accused the four students of instigating the incident, he added.

Students of fine arts department on June 28 confined Proctor Prof Chowdhury Zakaria, department Chairman Abdul Motin Talukdar and three teachers to office and classroom protesting abrupt increase in fees for filling up examination forms.

The authorities recently hiked the fees for filling up final year examination forms of the students of 2006-07 session from Tk 350 to Tk 3,030. The students also vandalised the department's windows, notice board and furniture and burnt an effigy of the department chairman.

They also confined the proctor to a classroom as he could not give any assurance to resolve the issue.

In the memorandum, the fine arts

students alleged that department chairman Prof Abdul Matin Talukdar recommended suspension of the four students without taking decision of the academic committee.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan told the students that the university authorities would soon investigate the matter and take steps on the basis of the investigation report.

Addressing a press conference on the campus yesterday, the fine arts students alleged that the department chairman recommended action against the four students without investigating the June 28 incident.

Three members of the academic committee requesting anonymity told this correspondent that the chairman recommended suspension of the four students without the decision of the committee.



Bangladesh Chhatra League forms a human chain at Satmatha intersection in Bogra town yesterday demanding early start of work for solving waterlogging problem in the area and repair of Temple Road in the town.



7 Shibir activists held in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police yesterday arrested seven Islami Chhatra Shibir men including a leader from a students' dormitory in the town early yesterday.

The arrestees are Kushtia town Shibir president Mazharul Haq and activists Abdul Hannan, Bokul Ahmed, Kawsar Ahmed, Sohail Rana, Anisur Rahman and Enamul Haq.

A police team led by officer-in-charge (OC) of Kushtia Sadar police Kamruzzaman raided Firoza Mahal, a student mess of Shibir at about 5:00 in the morning and arrested them.

The arrestees are accused in a case filed on June 30 with Kushtia Sadar police station, the OC said.

According to police, a group of activists of

Jamaat and its student front Shibir brought out a procession at Baro Bazar in the town on June 30 following arrest of three central Jamaat leaders.

When police asked them not to create trouble on the street, the Jamaat men tried to continue the programme. As police resisted, they locked in a clash with police. At this, police charged baton and dispersed them.

Later, police filed a case against 100 Jamaat and Shibir activists.

With yesterday's arrests, the number of Jamaat-Shibir arrestees rose to 41 in the district.

Police arrested four Jamaat leaders including its district Ameer and Nayeb-e-Ameer on the night of June 29. On June 30, thirty other activists of the party were arrested.

Drug, contraband items seized in border dists

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Law enforcers recovered drug and contraband items from bordering districts on Saturday and the day before.

A patrol team of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) of Chaderhat Border Outpost (BOP) recovered 1120 bottles of phensidyl early Saturday from border area of Pirganj upazila of Thakurgaon, reports our correspondent.

BDR members of 2 Rifles Battalion led by Subeder Shafiqur Rahman recovered the banned syrup in abandoned condition at about 1:00am.

Sensing presence of BDR personnel the drug smugglers left the bottles and fled away, BDR sources said.

In Dinajpur, Rapid Action

Battalion (Rab) seized phensidyl, sex stimulating tablets, saris and other contraband items worth Tk 35 lakh in separate drives at Joypurhat and adjacent Ghoraghat upazila on Friday.

Sharif Uddin Ahmed, senior ASP of Rab-5 Joypurhat camp told UNB that acting on secret information, they raided different areas of the district town and seized 1.30 lakh tablets, 48 pieces of saris, 58 three-piece dress materials, 158 T-shirts, two bicycles and bangles worth about Tk 7 lakh.

At the same time, another team of Rab seized 177 pieces of Indian sari worth over Tk 1.50 lakh at Gobindganj in Dinajpur. But the smugglers managed to flee the scene.

Earlier, Rab members recovered 675 bottles of

phensidyl syrup and other contraband items worth Tk 25 lakh from a truck.

In another drive, police and BDR conducted a joint drive at Noor Market in the town and seized 409 kgs of Indian steel goods worth about Tk 1.50 lakh.

In Benapole, Jessore, the members of Bangladesh Rifles in a drive arrested a drug peddler along with 320 bottles of phensidyl at Balunda village on Friday.

The arrestee was identified as Golam Mostafa, son of Abdur Rahim of nearby Raghunathpur village.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of BDR members raided the village and arrested Golam Mostafa along with contraband drug. A case was filed in this connection.

First ever Everest conqueror from Bangladesh, Musa Ibrahim joins a jubilant procession as teachers and students of Musa's alma mater Thakurgaon Sugar Mill High School and staff of Thakurgaon Sugar Mill arrange a reception in honour of the great celebrity yesterday.

SNIPPETS

BSF injures cattle trader

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire on a group of Bangladeshi cattle traders leaving one of them seriously injured on Baikari border in Sadar upazila on Saturday. Abul Bashar, 30, son of Abul Khair of Godaghata in the district was rescued by other cattle traders and admitted to Satkhira Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. The BSF men of Joyagar camp fired 10 gunshots at the cattle traders at 4:00am, BDR sources said. BDR authorities sent a letter to BSF protesting the incident, said 41 Rifles Battalion operations officer Major Jahangir.

Outlaw murdered

Police recovered body of an outlaw from a jute field at village Devinagar in Sreepur upazila yesterday morning. Deceased Subrata Sarkar 26, was son of Bimal Sarkar of Molladangi village of the same upazila. Police recovered the body after being informed by the villagers of Devinagar. Subrata was a cadre of outlawed outfit Sarbahara Party. He was accused in four criminal cases including that of murder and toll collection, police said.

Firearm recovered

Members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) recovered a firearm and ammunition from a house in Shibganj upazila under Chapainabganj early yesterday. Acting on a tip-off, a BDR team of Monakasha camp recovered the items kept in a bag at a house in Raninagar village at around 1:00am, said Maj Nazrul Islam, operation officer of 39 Rifles Battalion. The recovered items include one foreign-made pistol, one magazine and two bullets.

Fee hike protested

Agitated students ransacked different rooms of Government Barisal College on Saturday noon protesting hike in fees for honours part-1 examination. Witnesses said honours part-1 examinees of english, political science, and social welfare, marketing and management departments of the college brought out procession on the campus and later damaged windows, doors, and benches of their class rooms. Prof Majibor Rahman, principal of the college, said the university authorities fixed the fees for the examinations and he had nothing to do in this regard.

College student drowns

A college student drowned and another was injured while swimming in river Piain at Zafong in Goainghat upazila here on Friday afternoon. The deceased was identified as Shahriar Soumik, 27, a HSC student of Government Science College of Dhaka and son of Md Mamun, a resident of West Rajabazaar in the capital. Locals said, seven students of the college, who arrived here from Dhaka on Friday, were swimming in the river Piain in the afternoon after visiting the house of a friend in neighbouring Kulaura upazila in Moulvibazar district. At one stage, Soumik and Salman got stuck in quicksand while swimming. Hearing their scream, locals rushed to the spot, rescued the youths and sent them to Jaintapur upazila health complex where doctors declared Soumik dead.

Balance Sheet (Un-Audited) As at 31 March 2010. Table with columns for Particulars, 31.03.2010, 31.12.2009, and Growth Rate (%).

Life Revenue Account (Un-Audited) For the First Quarter 31st March 2010. Table with columns for Particulars, 31.03.2010, 31.03.2009, and Growth Rate (%).

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