

19 more Jamaat-Shibir men held in 3 districts

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At least 19 Jamaat-Shibir leaders and activists were arrested in three districts yesterday.

Fifteen others were also injured in an attack by Chhatra League (BCL) workers in another district.

In Sherpur, three local leaders of Jamaat and Chhatra Shibir were arrested from Kashba Kathgar area of the district town and Jhenaigati upazila headquarters early yesterday.

The arrestees were identified as Jhenaigati upazila Shibir president Sultan Ahmed, 26, and district town Jamaat leaders Alhaj Mostafa Selim, 60, and Abu Bakar Siddique, 50, reports UNB.

Acting police superintendent Anisur Rahman said the three leaders were arrested as per a case filed against them under the Speedy Trial Act.

In Barisal, police detained eight leaders and activists of city Chhatra Shibir including its general secretary Kazi Saiful Islam yesterday morning.

Other detainees are Rakibul Hasan, Mahmud Hasan, Abdur Rahman, Al-Amin, Rafiqul Islam, Saiful Islam and Md Mahmud, reports a correspondent.

Officer-in-Charge of Kotwali model police station AFM Anwar Hossain said following of a secret information, police cordoned off a two-storied Shibir district office on Oxford Mission road around 10:30am.

Police recovered 'jihadi' books and leaflets and also

seized five units of computer from the spot. The law enforcers sealed off the office.

Our Correspondent in Rangpur reports: Police in a raid arrested nine Shibir activists from different messes in the town early yesterday.

Kotwali police said they raided different messes in Khalifatari and Shapla areas at about 5:00am and arrested them.

Police arrested the Shibir men as they were taking preparation to paste posters demanding release of Jamaat-e-Islami chief Motiur Rahman Nizami, secretary general Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid and Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Saydee.

Police also recovered some posters from their possessions.

In Jhenidah, Chhatra league activists attacked Jamaat-Shibir men while they were preparing to form human chain at Nimitla busstand under Kaliganj upazila yesterday.

Fifteen Jamaat-Shibir activists were injured in the attack. They include Abdullah, Shakwat Hossain, Ariz Uddin, Rajib, Tito, Shohab, Kamrul and Roni, reports our correspondent.

Kaliganj police also arrested Tahazzel Hossain, Jamaat president of Dulalamundia village under the upazila.

OC Faruk Hossain of Kaliganj police station said they arrested Tahazzel on charge of creating anarchy in the town.



PHOTO: STAR

Law enforcers arrest nine cadres of Islami Chhatra Shibir, raiding different messes in Rangpur town early yesterday. Police said the Shibir men were making preparation to paste posters in the town demanding release of three top Jamaat leaders.



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Bangladesh-Denmark Friendship Bridge on Arpanghia River in Kalpara upazila of Patuakhali district opens yesterday. State Minister for Water Resources Mahbubur Rahman inaugurated the 100-metre-long bridge built with financial support of the Danish government under Sidr Rehabilitation Project.

All 3 acquitted in Satkhira schoolboy murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A court here yesterday acquitted all the three accused in the sensational schoolboy murder case in Kaliganj upazila.

Judge Sharifuddin Azad of the additional district and session judge's court no-1 acquitted the accused as the prosecution failed to prove the charges brought against them.

Earlier the court heard the arguments by state and defence lawyers on June 24 and fixed the date for announcement of the verdict in the case yesterday.

The acquitted three are Rajab Ali, 40, son of Mobarak Ali Gazi and his wife Jahanara Begum, 32, of village Bishnupur and Abdul Hamid Bacha, 15, son of Neda Sardar of village Fatehpur.

Court sources said Touhidul Islam, 15, son of Dr Nur Mohammed Gazi of village Bishnupur in Kaliganj upazila was called out by some people of the same village on March 13 in 2005.

The decomposed body of the victim was found inside a sack near a pond on March 23.

Touhid's father Dr Nur Mohammad filed a case with Kaliganj police on the same day accusing three people.

Investigation officer (IO) Akkaj Ali submitted charge sheet against Rajab Ali and his wife Jahanara Begum and Abdul Hamid on October 11 in 2005.

The then judge Mahub Alam of the additional district and session judge's court on April 12, 2007 ordered reinvestigation into the case identifying some faults in the charge sheet.

As per the court order, Assistant Police Superintendent, (ASP) Rezaul Islam of Kaliganj Circle submitted fresh charge sheet against the same accused on January 8 in 2008.

WAR CRIMES IN 1971

2 more cases in Bagerhat, accused held in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An accused in a war crime case was arrested in Khulna on Tuesday while two cases were filed on the previous day against 17 on change of war crimes in Bagerhat.

Police arrested an accused in an war crime case in Khulna on Tuesday night from his house at Chandpur village under Rupsha upazila.

Police said arrestee Amjad Mina, 50, who was on the run for weeks, is one of the seven FIR-named accused in the war crime case.

The case was filed with Rupsha police station on May 18 this year by advocate Mohammad Ali accusing seven people of killing the complainant's father freedom fighter Aminuddin Ahmed during liberation war in 1971.

With this the total number of arrests in war crime cases in Khulna now stand at two.

Sources said, so far 160 people have been accused in 18 war crime cases in the district.

The other FIR-named accused of war crime case arrested by police is Gaffar Goldar of Balidanga village under Batiaghata upazila of Khulna district.

He is one of the nine accused in the case filed with Batiaghata police station on April 1 this year by Abdullah Goldar as complainant.

Meanwhile, two more war crime cases were recorded on Monday night with Sharankhola police station in Bagerhat district.

According to police, Phulmia Khalifa of Matherparh village under Sharankhola upazila filed the case accusing four people of killing his father Chand Mia Khalifa during liberation war in 1971.

The four FIR-named accused are Lutfur Rahman Howlader, Abdur Rob Gazi, Fazlul Huq Khalifa and

Mofazzel Hossain, all known collaborators of Pakistan occupation forces.

The other war crime case was filed on the same night with the same police station accusing 17 of killing freedom fighter Abdus Salam Khan during the war in 1971.

The complainant, who is youngest brother of the slain freedom fighter, stated in his case that the accused shot dead his eldest brother freedom fighter Salam Khan on the bank of Baleshwar river.

The 17 FIR-named accused are Nayeb-e-Ameer of Jamaat central committee AKM Yusuf, Metiar Rahman, Abdur Rob Howlader, Nazir Mridha, Ismail Khan, Abdur Huq Akand, Abul Hares Khan, Lutfur Rahman, Moslem Akand, Abdul Latif Panchayet, Joinal Abedin, Hafez Amir Ali, Delwar Hossain, Abdus Sattar Khan, Atahar Howlader, Kader Chowkider and Nuruddin Mridha.

SNIPPETS

Tiger kills 2 in Sundarbans

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A man and his son were killed by tigers as they went to collect firewoods in Rameswar area of the Sundarbans yesterday. The victims were identified as Nawsher Ali Gazi, 70, son of late Omar Ali Gazi and his son Ismail Hossain Gazi, 15, of village Kadamtala in Shyamnagar upazila. Quoting locals police said, when the two were collecting firewood in Rameswar area, two tigers swooped on them and dragged them into the deep forest at about 9:30am yesterday. Locals later recovered the bodies from the deep forest at about 2:00pm.

One gets life for murder

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

One person was sentenced to Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) and fined Tk 20 thousand, in default, to suffer one more in year jail in a sensational murder case here yesterday. The convict was identified as Sunil Kumar, 40, of Gagliai village in Sadar upazila. According to prosecution, Sunil killed his neighbour Sohel, 38, son of Abdus Salam on November 19, 2003 over a trivial matter. The following day Abdus Salam filed a murder case with Sadar police station accusing Sunil and his friend Babul. But Babul was acquitted while Sunil is still at large.

Six robbers arrested

UNB, Munshiganj

Members of Rab and police in separate drives arrested 6 robbers from Dohar upazila in Dhaka and a youth from Tongibari upazila here on Monday night. The arrestees are Bachchu Molla, 48, Jamal Hossain, 28, Nazrul Islam, 27, Ilyas Molla, 20, Md Baharul, 28, and Md Raju, 20. The youth was identified as Russell, 22, son of late Sirajul Huq Paik of Chap village of Tongibari. Rab sources said they held the six robbers from Kulchhari village in Dohar late at night while preparing to commit a robbery and took them to Bhaigyakul Rab camp in Munshiganj for interrogation. A pipe gun and a number of sharp weapons were recovered from them. Later they handed them over to Dohar police. In another drive, police arrested Russell from Tongibari upazila headquarters in the district and recovered an American-made pistol from his possession.

Housewife murdered

UNB, Gaibandha

A woman was killed allegedly by her husband following a quarrel at Nayapara village in Govindaganj upazila on Monday night. The deceased was identified as Shahina Khatun, 25, wife of Ruhul Amin, of the village. Police and local people said Ruhul Amin used to torture his wife Shahina over flimsy grounds since long. On the fateful night he picked up a quarrel with her over a trifling matter and at one stage beat her to death. Later, he fled the house along with his family members.

Roadblock for speed breaker

UNB, Natore

Traffic movement on Natore-Rajshahi highway came to a halt for one hour yesterday as local people blocked it in Sadar upazila demanding construction of a speed breaker to check road accident. They put up the barricade by placing logs at Dakmara at 10:00am that disrupted vehicular movement. However, they withdrew the barricade at 11:30am as Roads and Highways department began works for construction of speed breaker on the highway. Local people took to the street demanding construction of speed breaker for checking road accident following the death of a NGO official in a road accident in the area on Tuesday.

Phensidyl, CDs recovered

UNB, Benapole

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in separate drives recovered 1400 bottles of phensidyl and 3,400 pieces of CD in Sharsha upazila early yesterday. Acting on a tip-off, a team of the elite force conducted a drive on Kashidanga Village in the upazila and recovered 1400 bottles of phensidyl from a cowshed and a nearby field. In another drive at Amrakhal, members of Bangladesh Rifles recovered 3,400 pieces of CD worth about Tk 6.80 lakh while being smuggled out to India.

Teacher burnt to death allegedly by husband

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A schoolteacher, set on fire allegedly by her husband at South Goddimari village in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat district on July 1, succumbed to her injuries on Tuesday.

The victim, Bina Rani Roy, 32, assistant teacher of Hatibandha AR Kindergarten School, was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital and then referred to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital where she died at noon.

Her husband Sukumar Roy, 40, office assistant at Lalmonirhat district primary education office, has gone into hiding since the incident.

Police quoted locals and victim's family as saying that Sukumar has developed an illicit affair with a schoolteacher of Hatibandha Milonbazar Government Primary School and decided to marry her.

He picked up quarrel with his wife Bina Rani on the night of July 1 as she refused to sign a paper, giving her consent to husband's second marriage. At one stage, Sukumar beat up Bina, tied her to a pole and set fire to her body.

Hearing scream, neighbours rushed to the house and took Bina to Rangpur Medical College Hospital. As her condition deteriorated, the RMCH doctors on July 4



Bina Rani Roy

referred her to the burn unit of DMCH where she died at around 11:45pm on Tuesday.

Officer-in-Charge of Hatibandha Police Station AKM Enamul Kabir told this correspondent that a murder case against Sukumar Roy was filed with the police station yesterday.

Teachers and students of Hatibandha AR Kindergarten School yesterday held a protest rally at Hatibandha upazila auditorium. Chaired by Nuruzzaman, principal of the school, the rally was addressed, among others, by Hatibandha upazila Vice Chairman Mukti Rani Sarker, local women's leader Anowara Begum, JP leader Nurul Amin, and BCL leader Tofiuazzaman.

They speaker demanded immediate arrest of and exemplary punishment to the killer.



PHOTO: STAR

Artistes of Thakurgaon station of Bangladesh Betar, covering their mouths with black cloth, form a human chain in the town yesterday demanding their arrears and removal of some 'corrupt' staff.

Betar artistes in Thakurgaon continue agitation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Artistes of Thakurgaon Station of Bangladesh Betar, covering their mouths with black cloth, formed a human chain in the town yesterday demanding immediate removal and punishment of some staff including the regional director of the radio station for 'embezzling' government fund allocated for the artistes.

The artistes of the radio station also demanded payment of their arrears for over a year.

Addressing a rally at the venue at Thakurgaon intersection, the speakers said a large number of artistes are not getting honorarium for over a year due to alleged corruption of some staff including the Regional Director (RD) of Thakurgaon Station of Bangladesh Betar and a master roll accountant.

After Deputy Regional Director Mostafa Kamal joined the station in the last week of February this year, it was revealed that Tk 15 lakh was embezzled from government allotted fund for the artistes of the station.

On May 5, the RD filed a GD with Sadar

Police Station accusing the master roll accountant of the embezzlement. The RD and the accountant later continued blaming each other for the corruption. 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, the speakers said.

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

Payment of artistes should be made through bank cheques to avert such corruption in the future, they said. The artistes also demanded setting up a broadcasting house in the town to check corruption.

Earlier on June 16, the artistes of the radio station formed a human chain at the same venue demanding removal of the culprits and their punishment.