



Remains of mehogany trees lie beside Bagerhat-Chitalmari road as a local leader of Sramik League felled a number of the valuable trees while the authorities concerned are turning a blind eye.

BRUTAL TORTURE ON RU STUDENT

Fellows demand punishment to BCL perpetrators

A RU CORRESPONDENT

Students of history department of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday formed a human chain and held a rally demanding immediate punishment to Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) cadres who seriously injured Nasirullah Nasim, a student of the department.

BCL cadres beat up Nasirullah Nasim, a fourth year history student of RU, and a resident of Shah Makhdoom Hall, and pushed him down from the first floor of the hall on Sunday.

Critically injured Nasirullah Nasim was taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, given primary treatment there and sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Sunday night following doctors' suggestion.

Sunday's incident happened following a dispute over

distribution of iftar token among the students of Shah Makhdoom Hall on the occasion of National Mourning Day.

Police arrested two BCL men during a raid at the hall around three hours after the incident and a case was filed with Motihar police station accusing ten BCL men on Sunday night.

At a rally on the campus yesterday, the students alleged that BCL cadres Zahidul Islam, Zahurul Islam, Toufikul Islam and Lutfar Rahman, all loyal to BCL RU unit President Awal Kabir Joy, swooped on Nasim and beat him up indiscriminately and pushed him down from the first floor of the dormitory, leaving him critically injured.

They urged the university authorities and law enforcers to take steps for immediate punishment to the BCL cadres.

The students alleged that BCL cadres were involved in

clashes, extortion and other crimes at different halls on the campus and several hundred students had to leave their dormitories due to the threat by BCL activists but the university authorities have failed to take proper steps against the responsible people.

Around five hundred students of history department were present at the programme.

Earlier, the students formed a human chain in front of the university central library to press home their demand.

Prof Dulal Chandra Ray, provost of Shah Makhdoom Hall, said that they would take stern action against the BCL men involved in the incident.

RU proctor Prof Chowdhury Muhammad Zakaria told the correspondent that he urged the law enforcers to take legal steps in this regard.

Abul Khair, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station, said they would take legal steps against the arrestees after primary investigation.

"We will conduct drives to arrest the attackers of Nasim," the OC added.

Meanwhile, Md Munna, an activist of Opu group, filed a case with Motihar Police Station accusing 12 activists of Joy group of carrying out the attack.

The accused include Jahidur Rahman, a master's student of Social Work Department, Zohurul Islam of Public Administration Department, Lutfor Rahman of Zoology Department, Towfiqur Rahman of Bangla Department.

A tense situation was prevailing on the campus. Additional police forces have been deployed to avert any untoward incident.

SNIPPETS

PBCP leader killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An outlawed party leader, accused in a number of cases including five for murder, was killed at Baniapukur village in Gangni upazila early yesterday. The deceased, Atiar Rahman alias Ati, 40, was the Meherpur district chief of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) faction Lal Pataka. A gang picked up Atiar at gunpoint from the house of one Rabiul Islam, took him to Pirtola field and shot him point blank at around 3:30am. He died instantly. Atiar, son of Hafiz Uddin of Baniapukur upazila, was arrested last year in a case and released on bail from jail just six months ago, police said. Police recovered the body and sent it to Meherpur Sadar General Hospital for autopsy.

Bomb attack on AL leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Criminals hurled bombs at former chairman and AL president of Kumrabaria union Shamsul Haq, 57, at Shailmari village under Sadar upazila on Sunday night, leaving him seriously injured. Sub-Inspector (SI) Rezaul Karim of Jhenidah Sadar Police Station said an unidentified gang threw two bombs on Shamsul Haq while he was returning home at Dhupabila village from Shailmari Bazar at around 9:45pm. Locals took him to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

Three houses gutted

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

At least three houses were gutted in a fire at Kalagachhila village under Sadar upazila of the district on Sunday night. Locals said the fire originated from a kitchen at around 9:00pm and soon engulfed the adjacent two houses. On information, fire fighters from Madaripur district headquarters rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire.

Clash over land dispute, 1 dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

One person was killed and seven others were injured in a clash over capture of a disputed land in Kalai upazila of Joypurhat district on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Md Afzal Hossain, 23, son of Md Abdul Kasem of Parbatipur village under the upazila. Police quoted witnesses as saying that two brothers—Md Abdul Hossain and Abdul Kashem—had an altercation claiming ownership of a disputed land near their houses in the afternoon. Later, family members of the two attacked each other with wooden sticks and sharp weapons, leaving eight people from both sides injured. The injured were admitted to Kalai Upazila Health Complex and Joypurhat Modern Hospital. Of them, Md Afzal Hossain shifted to Bogra Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital where he died soon after admission. A case was filed with Kalai Police Station the same day.

Elephant kills two siblings

UNB, Bandarban

Two siblings were killed and five other people injured by a wild elephant attack at Bakkhali village in Naikhangchhari upazila early yesterday. The deceased were identified as Shahin Aslam, 9, and his 8-month-old brother Mojahidul Islam, son of Abu Salam. Locals said a wild elephant entered their village at around 11:00pm and attacked the house of Abu Salam, leaving his two sons dead and his wife Ismat Ara injured. The elephant later attacked two other houses at the village, injuring four villagers. They injured are Joyal Abedin, Rasheda Begum, Rukhsana Akhter and Mohammad Yunus.

10 injured as villagers clash

UNB, Munshiganj

At least 10 people were injured as villagers clashed at Nalbuniakandi village under Munshiganj Sadar upazila on Sunday. Police quoting locals said Khorshed Bepari of the village brought his daughter Shilpi Begum to his house as her husband Kamrul Bepari of the same village tortured her following a quarrel over a trifling matter in the morning. Following an altercation between Kamrul Bepari and his father-in-law Khorshed at around 10:00am, two groups of villagers equipped with lethal weapons attacked each other, leaving 10 people from both sides injured. Of the injured, Khorshed Alam Bepari, 55, and Nazrul Islam Bepari, 36, were admitted to Munshiganj General Hospital while the rest given first aid at the hospital.

Drug peddler arrested

UNB, Sylhet

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel arrested a female drug peddler along with heroin in old rail station area of the city on Sunday. The arrestee is Sheuli Begum Bulu, 28, daughter of Late Hannan Mia, of Rasulabad village in Nabinagar upazila of Brahmanbaria district. Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-9 raided the area at noon and arrested Sheuli along with six packets of heroin. Later, she was handed over to Sylhet Railway police.

Navigability threatened in Shibbaria River near Kuakata

Land grabbing, lack of dredging main causes

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Silting up of riverbed coupled with unabated encroachment and land grabbing threatens navigability of Shibbaria River in the coastal area near Kuakata sea beach, much to the concern of local fishermen and trawler owners.

With two famous hilsa fish markets at Mohipur and Alipur on two sides, Shibbaria River is considered by fishermen as a safe shelter, especially during tidal surges and cyclones.

But in absence of dredging, the riverbed sees gradual rise and as many as 500 illegal

structures have been set up on the newly surfaced land mass on the banks.

Consequently, the river is becoming narrow, posing threat to plying of trawlers.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent saw many more structures being erected at Mohipur, Alipur, Chaplee Bazar and Lakmi Bazar on the bank of Shibbaria.

"If the government fails to take immediate step to prevent land grabbing on the bank of the river, it will be unfit for movement of fishing trawlers and other water vehicles," said Fazlu Gazi, president of

Mohipur fish traders association.

"We are taking plan to set up a harbour on the river and we already sent a proposal to the higher authority concerned for approval. More than one team from Water Development Board including its chief engineer visited the site to take step in this regard," said an official of the WDB executive engineer's office in Khepupara.

Siddiqur Rahman, executive engineer of Patuakhali WDB, said they will take step soon to remove all illegal structures from the riverbank.

Pneumonia claims 16 lives in Habiganj in two weeks

Over 1,000 children affected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, sylhet

Sixteen children died of pneumonia and more than 1,000 were attacked with the disease in Habiganj in last two weeks, Sadar hospital sources said.

The dead are Shahida, 1, Apurba, 9 days, Habibur Rahman, 13 days, Shima Akhtar, 2, Sumon, 9 months, Shahid, 17 months, Nasir, 10 months, Rupali, 2 months, Niloy Das, 2 months, Babu, 2 days, Babu, 3 days. Five others died within 24 hours of their birth.

the victims died while undergoing treatment at habiganj sadar hospital. Everyday, on average 20 to 30 patients are being admitted to the hospital, official

sources said yesterday afternoon.

Hospital sources said, 32 pneumonia patients were admitted to the government-run hospital on August 11 while 36 others on August 12 and 28 others on August 13.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea also broke out in the area during the period. As many as 13 children were admitted to Habiganj Sadar hospital with diarrhoea on August 11, 12 others got admitted on August 12 and two others on August 13, hospital sources said.

An acute scarcity of oral saline and injection is prevailing in the affected area. Guardians alleged that they are compelled to buy injection and saline from outside at exorbitant price due to

their non-availability at the government hospital. Accommodation problem has worsened the situation. A few guardians said, they are flooring on the hospital.

Contacted, Habiganj civil surgeon Dr Subimal Sinha Chowdhury said, the 100-bed hospital has only 19 beds for children but the number of pneumonia patients exceeded 100 yesterday afternoon. However, the situation is now under control, he claimed.

Because of wet weather, outbreak of pneumonia is a common phenomenon in haor (low-lying areas of Habiganj district in monsoon season, said child physician Dr Abu Sufian. Extra care should be taken for newborns, he cautioned.



Buses lie idle as Sirajganj Bus Owners Association starts an indefinite strike yesterday demanding withdrawal of Bhotbhati, a locally devised three-wheeler, from all the routes in the district.



Cultural activist Dr FMA Zahid (right) poses with winners of the recitation, acting and painting competition organised by Bhor Holo, a Rajshahi-based children's organisation, on the 61st birth anniversary of dramatist Selim Al Din yesterday.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
 Local Government Engineering Department  
 Office of the Upazila Engineer  
 Upazila: Kathalia, District: Jhalakati

Memo No. LGED/UE/Katha/2010/472 Dated: 09-08-2010

**Invitation for Tender (IFT for Works/Goods) No. 1/2010-2011**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned work(s) as per terms & conditions stated below:

1	Project name	Primary Education Development Programme-II (PEDP-II)			
2	Source of funds	ADB, IDA, DFID, EU, NORAD, Netherlands, CIDA, SIDA & GOB.			
3	List of works:				
	Package No.	Name of works	Tender security (Tk)	Time for completion (days)	Price of tender documents
1	PEDP/III/JLK/KAT/W 1.2689-A.	Construction for incomplete work of Horizontal Extension of (a) Amua Steemarghat, (b) Pachim Hetalbunia, (c) Patikhalghata, (d) Sonauta Adarsha, (e) Uttar Bashbunia Govt Primary School.	79882/-	90	1000/-
2	PEDP/III/JLK/KAT/W 1.2690-A.	Construction for incomplete work of Horizontal Extension of (a) Aura Joykhali, (b) Baishnaber Howla, (c) Modha Bil Sonauta, (d) Modha Soulaajalia, (e) Moshabunia Govt Primary School.	99251/-	90	1000/-
3	PEDP/III/JLK/KAT/W 1.2691-A.	Construction for incomplete work of Horizontal Extension of (a) Modha Koikhali Govt Primary School.	27500/-	60	500/-
4	PEDP/III/JLK/KAT/W 1.4227-A.	Construction for incomplete work of Horizontal Extension of (a) Aorabunia Board, (b) Koikhali Dogona, (c) Modha Neamatpur, (d) Uttar Purbo Amua Govt. Primary School.	106500/-	90	1000/-

- Date, time & place of pre-tender meeting  
Date : 24-08-2010 at 10.30am.  
Place : Office of the undersigned.
- Last date, time & place of selling tender documents  
Date : 01-09-2010 at 5.00pm.  
Place : a) Office of the undersigned, (b) The Executive Engineer, LGED, Jhalakati, (c) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Rajapur, (d) Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Kathalia, Jhalakati.
- Last time & place of receiving tender  
Date : 02-09-2010 at 1.00pm.  
Place : a) Office of the undersigned, (b) The Executive Engineer, LGED, Jhalakati, (c) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Rajapur, (d) Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Kathalia, Jhalakati.
- Date, time & place of opening tender  
Date : 02-09-2010 at 3.00pm.  
Place : a) Office of the undersigned, Kathalia, Jhalakati.

Tender shall be valid for a period of 120 days after tender opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above interested tenderers may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in Cash/Treasury Chalan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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