

Hospital, CS office vandalised in Jhenidah, Gaibandha

Unsuccessful candidates go berserk alleging irregularities in recruitment process

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Unruly jobseekers ransacked Jhenidah General Hospital and Gaibandha civil surgeon's (CS) office yesterday, alleging irregularities in recruitment against vacant posts under the health department.

Aggrieved to see their names missing in the results of recruitment tests for the posts of office assistant, cardiographer, junior mechanic, MLSS, cook, gardener and ward boy, a group of jobseekers went berserk, reports our Jhenidah correspondent.

"A group of 15/20 youths went to the residence of Civil Surgeon Dr Keramat Ali. Not finding him there, they

entered my office and vandalised chairs, tables, and tea cups and ransacked other things. At the time I was not present at the office," said Dr Rashed-Al-Mamun, resident medical officer of Jhenidah General Hospital.

All the doctors of the hospital left the scene during the attack.

Many of the unsuccessful candidates alleged that the ruling party men took money from them with the assurance of giving them jobs but that did not happen.

District Awami League General Secretary advocate Azizur Rahman visited the spot and denied any irregularities.

Contacted, CS Dr Keramat

Ali told this correspondent that he was in Dhaka and the government has postponed all the appointments at Jhenidah General Hospital.

Our Gaibandha correspondent adds: Over a hundred job aspirants, who appeared in the recruitment test for different posts in Gaibandha civil surgeon's office, brought out a procession yesterday protesting alleged irregularities and corrupt practices in the recruitment process.

Demanding cancellation of recruitment through 'corrupt practices' and immediate removal of Gaibandha Civil Surgeon Dr Rafiqul Islam, they encircled and vandalised the civil surgeon's office.

A total of 2,780 candidates

appeared in the recruitment test for 68 posts of different categories but without holding meeting of recruitment committee, the civil surgeon went to Dhaka with all relevant papers of recruitment, saying that he will attend a training programme on anthrax, said several unsuccessful candidates.

During his absence, a recruitment list was hung on the notice board of CS office on Friday night, they said.

Seeing the recruitment list on Saturday, deprived candidates got furious and started vandalising civil surgeon's office.

Contacted over phone, Civil Surgeon Dr Rafiqul Islam denied any irregularities in the recruitment procedure.

Six cops hurt in BCL attack in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Six policemen were injured as they came under attack by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists at Daulatpur in Khulna city on Friday night.

The injured are traffic sergeant Rafiqul Islam, constables Shumon Howlader, Joydev Roy, Md Shariful Islam, Md Mamun Hossain and Mehedi Hasan. They are undergoing treatment at Khulna Police Hospital.

The incident occurred at around 8:00pm when sergeant Rafiq and five police constables seized a motorcycle for plying the road at Daulatpur without licence.

They later sent the motorbike to Daulatpur Police Station. On receipt of this information, a group of BCL activists riding ten motorbikes and carrying sticks in their hands attacked sergeant Rafiq

and five constables.

They also attacked a police box at New Road intersection under the same police station causing extensive damage to it, said witnesses and the officer-in-charge (OC) of Daulatpur Police Station.

When contacted, KMP Commissioner Helaluddin Badri admitted to the incident of attack on six policemen by BCL activists. The attackers are being hunted desperately and will be sued for beating up the on-duty law enforcers and damaging the police box, he said.

OC Anwarul Azim of Daulatpur Police Station said Sergeant Rafiqul Islam will file a case as complainant after identifying real attackers.

Denying the allegation of involvement of BCL men in the attack, Khulna City Awami League General Secretary Mizanur Rahman Mizan said the attackers were outsiders.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

Indigenous students form a human chain in Ranganmati town yesterday demanding constitutional recognition to the people of indigenous communities in the country.

Outlaw arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A hardened criminal and member of an outlawed party was arrested at Shakharipara village under Pabna Sadar upazila early yesterday. The arrestee is Amod Ali alias Amod, 45, of the village. Contacted, officer-in-charge (OC) of Ataikula Police Station Sirajul Islam said, acting on a tip off, police raided the village and arrested Amod at an orchard. They also recovered two sharp weapons from his possession. The arrestee is an accused in 10 cases including one for murder, the OC said.

Trader shot by criminals

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

A trader sustained bullet injuries when criminals shot at him in the town on Friday night. Criminals fired three rounds of gunshots at Pratul Dutta, 42, when he was returning home from his shop at launch ghat in the town. He was admitted to Gopalganj 250-bed Hospital. As Pratul's condition deteriorated, he was sent to Khulna 250-bed Hospital. Injured Pratul's younger brother Ramesh Dutta, 35, quoted his brother as saying that at around 8:00 pm, four criminals riding three motorbikes obstructed Pratul on Manikhar Bridge. They also beat up Pratul before firing gunshots. Locals recovered seriously injured Pratul and took him to hospital. Contacted, Gopalganj superintendent of police said they are investigating the matter.

Rickshaw-puller takes his life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A poor rickshaw-van puller committed suicide by taking poison at Barobila village in Tala upazila due to family feud yesterday, police quoting family members said. The dead, Mofiz Morol, 22, was son of Nafer Ali Morol of the village. Police said Mofiz took poison at about 1:00 pm and he died on way to Satkhira Sadar Hospital. Police recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

10 hurt as rival students clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 10 students were injured in a clash between two rival groups on Ajmiriganj College campus in Habiganj yesterday afternoon. Of the injured, Sajid Miah, Ruhel and Abdur Rahman were admitted to Ajmiriganj health complex while others took first aid. The incident took place as a sequel to an altercation between two students Manir Uddin and Sajid Miah over a trifling matter. Later, local AL leaders and police reached the spot and brought the situation under control. Two students, Humayun Kabir and Sohel Miah were arrested, police said.

Park staff on strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The lone children's park in the city's Nawdapara remained closed yesterday as all its 40 staff observed a day-long strike demanding salaries. All children and guardians who came to visit the park returned home as they saw the staff of the park were on strike. Rezaul Islam, an agitating employees' leader said they used to get Tk 1,300 each as monthly salary but they are supposed to get Tk 3,650 as per government rules. Employees said, they submitted a memorandum to the authorities concerned a week ago to raise their salaries but none paid any heed to their demand. Shahjahan Ali, manager of Domestic Electric Technological Services (DETS) which operates the park said, they are holding meetings with both the city corporation and the employees for resolving the issue.

Two arrested with arms

UNB, Chandpur

Two youths were arrested along with firearms at a village in Faridganj upazila on Friday morning. The arrestees are Rakib Hossain, 19, and Nayan, 20, of East Santospur village in the upazila. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of late Siraj Daktar at Char Borali village and recovered one LG (light gun) and one cartridge from their possession. The arrestees admitted that they had brought the firearm from Cox's Bazaar on Thursday to sell on black market. Both the youths were produced in Faridganj Judicial Magistrate court that placed them on two days' remand.

Students block road

UNB, Sylhet

Angry students of THG High School in Bianibazar upazila town blocked Sylhet-Bianibazar road yesterday morning protesting alleged corruption of the school's managing committee. Students alleged that the managing committee was trying to appoint a headmaster of their own choice. They said the committee is involved in corruption, which vitiated the academic atmosphere. The post of the headmaster remained vacant for the last three months, sources said. The OC of Bianibazar police station said he tried to pacify the situation but the agitating students said they will continue their movement until their demand is met. Meanwhile, acting headmaster of the school also resigned on Thursday centring the internal feud.

3 held for ransacking temple

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Gobindaganj police arrested three people in connection with vandalising a Hindu temple in Gobindaganj upazila of the district yesterday. Police said a gang of criminals led by Litu Mondol attacked Shibbari Kali Temple at Boalia village and vandalised it Friday afternoon. Litu Mondol has been creating trouble for long claiming ownership of .05 decimal plot of the temple and a case is under trial at a local court, said Shailen Moham Roy, president Gobindaganj Upazila Puja Udjapon Parishad. Following filing of a case against 19 people, police arrested Abdul Bari, Shamsul Islam of the Boalia village and Sujana Mia of Ramnathpur village.



PHOTO: STAR

Gaibandha civil surgeon's office and resident medical officer's room at Jhenidah General Hospital lie vandalised after unsuccessful candidates went into rampage protesting alleged irregularities and corruption in the process of recruitment to different posts under the health department.

BM College students protest fee hike, clash with police

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Police clashed with agitated students of Barisal B M College office yesterday after they held rally and laid siege to administrative building demanding cancellation of examination fee hike yesterday morning.

They also burnt the effigy of the vice chancellor of National University.

As police entered the campus and tried to disburse the agitated students and chased them, students engaged in clash with police using bricks.

Teachers and student leaders brought the situation under control asking police to leave the campus.

Principal Dr Nani Gopal Das expressing his solidarity with the demands of the stu-

dents saying they have no authority to reduce the fee hike fixed by National University.

Nasiruddin, head assistant of Barisal B M College office section, said within last three years special examination fees increased from Tk100 to 10,000, registration fees from Tk 50 to 450, late fees from Tk10 to 1,000, mark sheet fees from Tk25 to Tk250, college transfer fees from Tk 125 to 750, improvement fees from Tk130 to 500 per subject fee from Tk130 to 150, viva fee from Tk130 to 150 etc.

The principal, acknowledging the facts said there was no representative from large institutions like Barisal B M College or Khulna B I College in the academic council of National University.

Video footage of college teacher's illicit act

Students agitate, authorities decide to suspend him

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Authorities of Binodpur Degree College in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj district yesterday decided to suspend a teacher as publication of a video footage of his illicit act with a former female student of the college created commotion among the students and locals.

Earlier on the day, hundreds of students, guardians and people of Binodpur village staged demonstration and confined college Principal

Ruhul Amin to his office demanding punishment of the offender, Abdul Latif, assistant professor of chemistry department of Binodpur Degree College.

Police and locals said Abdul Latif took video footage of his illicit act with a girl student of the college in his mobile phone in 2007.

Later the girl got married with a schoolteacher of the same upazila and had a child.

As Abdul Latif's mobile phone recently went out of order, he gave it to a service centre at Binodpur Bazar for

repair but technicians of the centre copied the obscene scene and sent it to a number of mobile phone users.

Seeing the video footage on Friday, the girl's husband got furious and sent her to her parent's house.

As the news spread, students of Binodpur Degree College and their guardians encircled the office of principal and kept him confined there from 10:00am to 12:00pm demanding punishment of Abdul Latif.

Informed, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

The college authority at an emergency meeting decided to suspend the offender teacher.

The final decision would be taken in the meeting of the college governing body on Monday, said Principal Ruhul Amin.

Meantime, Abdul Latif left the area and he could not be contacted as his mobile phone was turned off.

Shibganj police station Officer-in-Charge Anwar Hossain said legal action will be taken after talking with the victim woman.

5 Rangpur BNP leaders hurt by rival party men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

At least five leaders of BNP district unit were injured as rival party men attacked them at the party office yesterday evening.

The injured are district unit convener Mozaffar Hossain, joint conveners Haji Taher, Shamsuzzaman Shamu, Saiful Islam, and Rejeka Sultana Fency.

Mozaffar Hossain alleged that a number of so-called BNP activists led by joint conveners of the district unit

Badrul Islam Chunnun and Shirin swooped on them when a meeting of the district unit was going on.

Denying the allegation, Badrul Islam Chunnun claimed that joint conveners Shamu and Saiful drew their revolvers and pointed at some leaders of the district unit who at the meeting raised a question of controversial role of the district convener during the recently held Rangpur Bar Council election.

Shamu and Saiful left the meeting venue in the face of protest, he added.

13 Shibir men arrested in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police arrested 13 activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) at a house in Teligul area at Baralekha upazila headquarters on Friday.

On receiving information that about 40 to 50 Shibir activists gathered at the residence of local Jamaat leader Abdus Shahid to bring out a procession over Babri Mosque issue, Baralekha police rushed to the spot and arrested 13 Shibir men while the rest

managed to flee. The arrestees are Juber Ahmed, 18, Hasan Ahmed, 20, Tariqul Islam 20, Qumrul Islam 20, Tarek Ahmed, 18, Sumon, 25, Sahedul Islam 19, Kefayet Ullah, 18, Jaynal Abedin, 20, Sijan Uddin, 21, Rubel Ahmed, 20, Tarek Ahmed, 22, and Abu Hasan, 21.

Amal Kumar Dhar, officer-in-charge (OC) of Baralekha Police Station, said they are quizzing the arrested Shibir activists and will take necessary action against them after investigation.



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Binodpur Degree College in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj district demonstrate in front of the principal's office yesterday demanding punishment to chemistry teacher Abdul Latif for his illicit connection with a former female student of the college and video recording of the obscene act by mobile camera.