

Stalkers injure 7 including two teachers in Madaripur

2 sued for assaulting madrasa girls in Satkhira

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Stalkers and their accomplices injured two teachers and five students of Nurul Amin University College in Shibchar upazila of Madaripur district yesterday following protest against teasing a girl student.

In Satkhira, father of two female students of a madrasa filed a case against two stalkers for assaulting his daughter.

A Correspondent reports from Madaripur: Kamal Hossain, a teacher of Nurul Amin University College, was conducting a class of HSC first year when Rokon Mia, a student of the class, uttered slang language directing at a female classmate, said teachers, students and police.

Shafiqul Islam, a student of the class, protested the act.

Centring the issue, a gang of 20 to 22 students led by Rokon surrounded Shafiqul, Yousuf and Rakib, all from Sheikhpara area, at around 9:00am yesterday.

As Shafiqul ran towards the students' hostel the gang chased him and beat him up mercilessly.

Being informed, Assistant Professor Jahir Raihan went to the spot, rescued Shafiqul and took him to the principal's room and gave him first aid.

Following assurance from the principal, Shafiqul, Yousuf, Rakib and several other students of Sheikhpara area went to the second floor of the college to attend a class.

A few minutes later, a gang led by Rokon again swooped on the students from Sheikhpara area and beat them up, injuring three people.

The criminals also injured teachers Jahir Raihan and Kamal Hossain as they tried to prevent the attackers.

On information, two teams led by Sub-Inspector Oliduzzaman and Sub-Inspector from Shibchar police station and Bhadrans police camp rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control, college Principal Lutfur Rahman said.

Our Satkhira Correspondent adds: Father of two female students of a madrasa filed a case with Shyamnagar police station against two stalkers on Saturday night.

The accused are Ismail Hossain, 24, and Ibrahim Hossain, 21, of village Mahmudpur in Shyamnagar upazila.

Shahidullah Gazi of village Mahmudpur in Shyamnagar filed the case.

The complainant said Ismail and Ibrahim used to tease his two daughters, who are class nine students of Shyamnagar Kendriya Alim Madrasa, on the way to their institution.

The two men assaulted the girls when they were returning home from the madrasa on Thursday, he alleged.

As the news of the incident spread among the students, they informed madrasa Principal Maulana Ismail Hossain and demanded arrest and punishment of the stalkers.

Informed by the principal, police rushed to the madrasa and assured the students that they would take stern action against the stalkers.

"We are trying to arrest the stalkers," Shyamnagar police station Officer in Charge Abdus Samad said after filing of the case.



People of Aila-affected areas form a human chain at Picture Palace Cinema intersection in Khulna city yesterday demanding immediate steps for construction of embankments to save them from recurrent flooding and waterlogging.

Hearing on charge framing against 105 BDR rebels in Satkhira Feb 6

Trial of 49 mutineers starts in Khulna today

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The special court, set up at 41 Rifles Battalion headquarters in Satkhira, yesterday fixed February 6, 2011 for hearing on charge framing against 105 mutineers of the battalion while trial of 49 mutineers of 23 Rifles Battalion under Khulna sector will begin at a special court at the sector headquarters today.

In Satkhira, All the 105 mutineers were yesterday produced in the special court headed by Rajshahi Sector Commander Lt Col Yahya Azam Khan.

Two other members of the court are Lt Col Khalid Hossain and Major Touhidul Islam, reports our correspondent.

The court yesterday took the allegations against the BDR jawans into its

cognisance.

Lt Col Enayet Karim, commanding officer of 41 Rifles Battalion, appeared as the prosecutor. He read out the allegations against the mutineers.

The chief of the court ordered supply of copies of charges to the accused while granting them 27 days to get prepared for reply.

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna reported that Trial of 49 mutineers of 23 Rifles Battalion at Goalkhali under Khalishpur Police Station in Khulna will begin at a special court at the sector headquarters at 9:00am today.

The BDR personnel were accused of participating in the rebellion on February 25 and 26 last year, expressing solidarity with the mutineers of BDR headquarters at Pilkhana in the capital.

A case against the 49 Jawans was filed with Khalishpur Police Station on April 29 last year accusing them of breach of discipline and vandalism under BDR Act. The then officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station Abu Mokaddem Ali lodged the case as complainant. He was also made investigation officer of this case.

In the case statement, the complainant stated that the accused mutineers of 23rd Rifles Battalion came out of their camp with arms on February 26, set fire to the official car of Major Azhar and damaged the car of Major Sarwari Alam of the battalion.

The stage is set to begin mutiny trial at the special court where security measures have been stepped up deploying 100 policemen, said OC Moksedul Momen of Khalishpur Police Station.

Repair embankments in Aila-hit areas soon

Demands human chain in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Aila affected people of four upazilas in Khulna and Satkhira districts have demanded immediate repair of the damaged embankments for rehabilitation of the homeless.

The demand came from a human chain formed at Picture Palace Cinema intersection under Khulna Sadar Police station on Saturday.

Jointly organised by Mass Action Committee and Aila Durgato Shangkati Mancha, a group of students from Aila-hit Dakope and Koira upazilas

of Khulna district joined the human chain programme with their bodies bared to give vent to their sorrows and sufferings.

Convenors of the Mass Action Committee advocate Firoz Ahmed and Member-Secretary of Aila Durgato Shangkati Mancha Hasan Mehedi in a press statement on Saturday night said the crying need at this critical time of the homeless people is immediate construction of embankments and not relief goods in four Aila affected upazilas of Khulna and Satkhira districts.

They appealed to the gov-

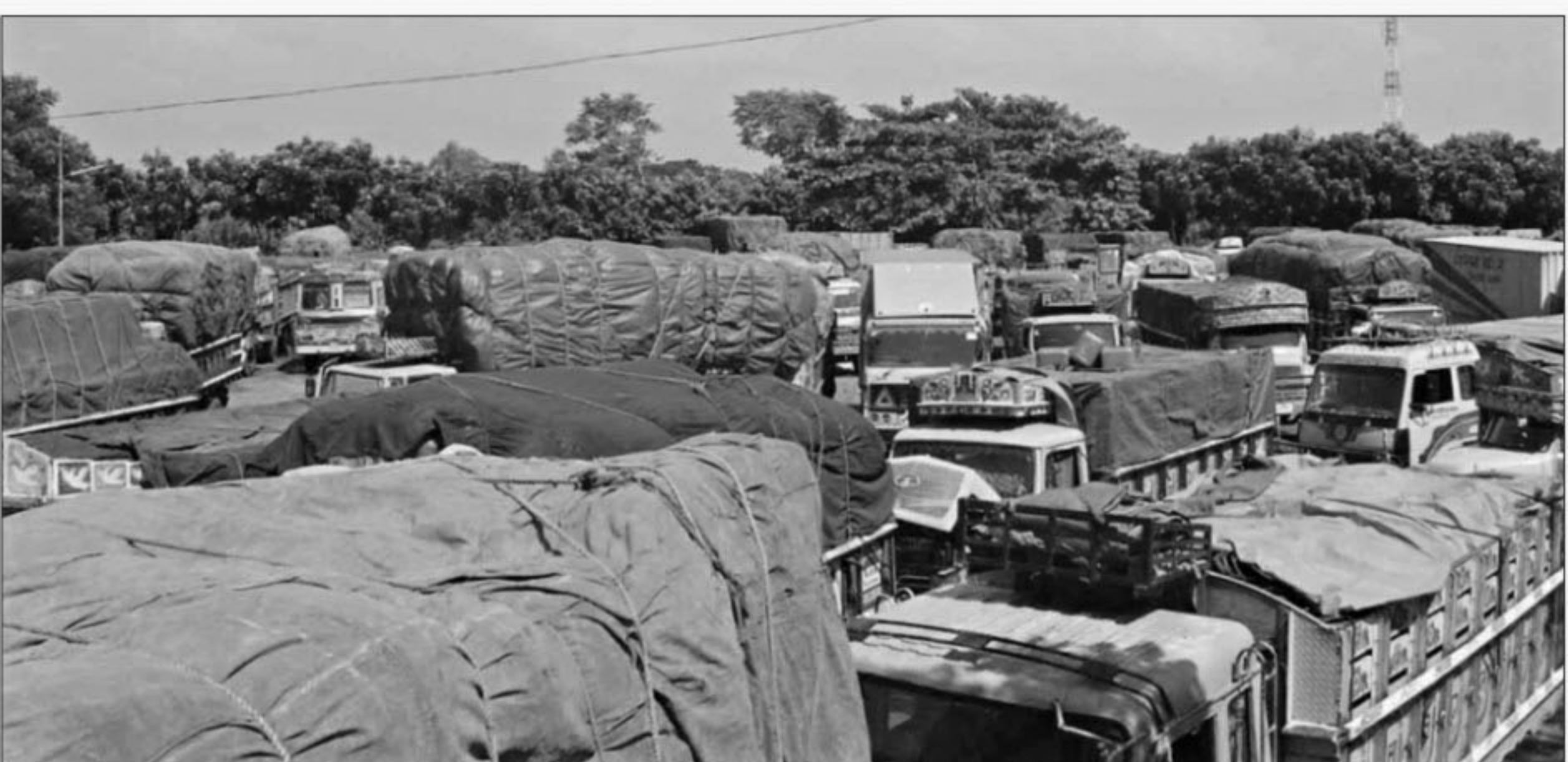
ernment to honour commitment made by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to complete construction works of the damaged embankments within three months for rehabilitation of the homeless people who have been living in subhuman conditions at dilapidated makeshift camps, unhygienic cyclone centres and in open spaces since they were hit by Aila on May 25 last year.

The prime minister while visiting Aila affected Shyamnagar upazila of Satkhira and Koira upazila of Khulna districts on July 23 this year directed authorities

concerned to complete the construction works of damaged embankments within three months.

But we see no such move has so far been taken by the authorities concerned to construct the damaged embankments as directed by the prime minister, said advocate Firoz Ahmed in the statement.

Meanwhile, Engineer Md Anwar Hossain of the Water Development Board (WDB) told this correspondent yesterday that works for construction of embankments would begin from November 1.



A large number of goods-laden trucks remain stranded at Paturia terminal in Manikganj district, giving testimony to ferryboat crisis on Paturia-Daulatdia route. The photo was taken on Friday.

One gets life for abducting three schoolboys

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

A Chapainawabganj court yesterday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for abducting three schoolboys in 2005.

Judge of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Arup Kumar Goswami pronounced the verdict.

The convict is Tofazzal Hossain, 28, son of Abdul of Satuwill village under Niamatpur upazila of Naogaon district. The court also fined him Tk 20,000, in default, he is suffer another year in jail.

The judge acquitted two other accused -- Mohammad Selim, 32, son of Abbas Ali,

and Mohammad Mahidur, 30, son of Faizuddin of Balutungi village under Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj district as charges brought against them could not be proved.

According to the prosecution, Tofazzal, Selim and Mahidur kidnapped Nadim Hossain, 15, son of Mozammel Haque, Sohail Rana, 14, son of Lal Mohammad, and Zamal, 15, son of Almas of Balutungi village, from Baroroshia village in Shibganj upazila when the three were going to a private tutor at around 3:30pm on June 5, 2005.

The kidnapper took the boys to Dhaka and confined them to a room at Shyamoli. After a day, the boys managed

to escape and informed their guardians. Being informed, their guardians went to Dhaka and rescued them from Shyamoli area on June 6, 2005.

On June 9, local people caught Tofazzal, one of the abductor, at Monakasha Bazar in Shibganj upazila on June 9 and handed him over to Shibganj police.

Nadim's father Mozammel Haque filed a case against Tofazzal, Selim, Mahidur with Shibganj Police Station under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act on June 9, 2005.

Sub Inspector mahfujur Rahman of Shibganj Police Station submitted the charge sheet against the three abductors on September 1, 2005.

Activities at Sonamasjid port halted for 5 hours

UNB, C'nawabganj

Export-import between Bangladesh and India through Sonamasjid land port remained suspended for five hours yesterday due to a clash between Bangladesh and Indian truckers.

Customs and C & F Agent Association sources said a scuffle between two truck drivers of the two countries took place following an altercation over giving side of a truck near Panama Gate of the port.

Trade through the port came to a halt after the incident at 9:00am.

Shibganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Abu Taher Masud Rana said trade through the port resumed at 2:30pm following a fruitful discussion with the Indian authorities at zero point of the border.

11 shops gutted in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

At least 11 shops were gutted in a fire at Baro Chaona Bazar in Sakhipur upazila of Tangail district on Saturday night.

Locals said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a tea stall at the bazar at around 11:00pm and soon engulfed 10 adjacent shops.

Being informed, fire fighters from Sakhipur and Pahar Kanchanpur Air Force Base rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze at around 1:00am.

Mozammel Haque, officer-in-charge of Sakhipur Police Station, said the fire fighters with the help of locals extinguished the fire.

BCL activists assault 2 JCD men at Sylhet Agri University

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Sylhet Agriculture University (SAU) unit were seriously injured in an attack by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men on the campus early yesterday.

The victims -- Mahmudul Islam Mamun and Shariful Islam Junayed -- were admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital.

Campus sources said Mahmud and Sharif, students of Veterinary and Animal Science department, refused to join a BCL procession on the campus Saturday afternoon.

BCL SAU unit President Abdullah Al Masum, General secretary Faruque, BCL Hason Raja Hall unit

One beaten to death in Noakhali

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

One person was beaten to death and seven others injured by a gang of criminals at West Majidee village under Sadar upazila of the district on Saturday night.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Hossain, 60, of the village.

The injured are Shakil, 28, Monju, 20, Rubel, 18, Nazma, 25, Runa, 20, Tahera Begum, 50, and Sajib, 25.

Police and family sources said a mobile set was stolen at the village three days ago. Local criminals Kala Hazari, Badal and Rubel accused Shakil, son-in-law of Mohammad Hossain of stealing the mobile set and attacked the house of Mohammad Hossain at around 11:00pm.

They entered the house by breaking open the door and beat up Mohammad Hossain and other family members. Hossain died instantly.

On information, Sudharam police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Noakhali hospital morgue for autopsy. Tahera Begum, wife of the deceased lodged a case with Sudharam police station in this connection.



Fishermen, having a spare time during the 10-day ban on catching hilsa, repair their fishing nets at Mohipur in Kuakata of Patuakhali district yesterday.