

# Charges against 23 Rangamati BDR men next month

## Statement of 17 PWs against 24 Lalmonirhat rebels

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The special court-15 yesterday fixed December 19 for framing charges against 23 mutineers of 18 Rifles Battalion under Rangamati sector while the special court-13 recorded statements of 17 prosecution witnesses in the case against 24 rebels of Lalmonirhat 31 Rifles Battalion under Rangpur sector the same day.

Our Rangamati correspondent reported that all the 23 accused were produced in the three-member special court headed Chittagong Sector Commander Col Zahedur Rahman. Two other members are Lt Col Md Abdun Nur and Maj Golam Mostafa-al-Mamun.

Prosecutor Lt Col Mehedi Hassan, commanding officer of 18 Rifles Battalion, read out the charges in presence of the accused. He alleged that the accused, BDR men revolved against their officers at the battalion headquarters on February 26, 2009, looted firearms from armoury and attacked the residences of

the then battalion commander and other officers.

The mutineers are Nayek Habibur Rahman, Lance Nayek Mominur Rahman, Nayek Abdul Haque, Nayek Zakir Hossain, Lance nayeks (signal) Mir Mizanur Rahman, Ramzan Ali and Solaiman Ahmed, Assistant Lance Nayek Kazi Enamul Karim, sepoy Mizanur Rahman, Rafiqul Islam, Hadiuzzaman, Abu Syed, Aladin Hossain, Kamruzzaman, Shahin Ahmed and Abdur Razzak, Assistant Havilder Selim Reza, habilders Monirul Islam, Amir Hossain and Altaf Hossain, nayeks Azizul Islam and Azahar Md Shain and Subeder Major Hossain Alam.

In Lalmonirhat, the special court-13 yesterday recorded statements of 17 prosecution witnesses in the mutiny case filed against 24 BDR men of 31 Rifles Battalion, reports our correspondent.

Of the accused, 17 admitted their involvement in the mutiny while the rest claimed innocence before the court headed by

Dinajpur Sector Commander Col Muhammad Saleh Ahmad. Two others members are Lt Col Mahfuz Alam and Major Didar Al-Latif. Commanding Officer of Lalmonirhat 31 Rifles Battalion Lt Col Aslam Hossain is the prosecutor.

Deputy Attorney General Biswajit Roy and special public prosecutors advocate Rezaul Karim and Rafiqul Islam Mithu were present during trial proceedings.

The then officer-in-charge of Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station Foyezur Rahman filed two separate cases with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court against 24 mutineers of 31 Rifles Battalion. The mutineers were later arrested and produced before the court that sent them to jail hajat.

According to the case statement, the BDR men revolted against their officers and took control of the battalion headquarters on February 26, 2009. They also vandalised doors, windows of the battalion headquarters and fired at least 150 blank shots.

# Seven Shibir men held in Satkhira, Rajshahi

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Seven Shibir leaders and activists have been arrested in Satkhira and Rajshahi on separate charges.

Police arrested six Islami Chhatra Shibir leaders and activists on charges of planning subversive activities from a dormitory beside Jamaat office in Ashashuni upazila headquarters Sunday midnight.

The arrestees were identified as Rezanul Karim, 21, upazila Shibir vice president and ex-president Abdur Rahman, 20, Shibir activists-Ashikuzzaman, 17, Jubair Hossain, 15, Al-Amin, 15, and Habibur Rahman, 21.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the dormitory while the shibir leaders and activists were holding a clandestine meeting there and arrested them, reports UNB.

Officer-in-charge of Ashashuni police station Fazlur Rahman said the six leaders and activists were shown arrested in a case filed by a sub-inspector of the PS on March 2 on charge of conspiring against the government.

In Rajshahi, police arrested a Shibir leader from Rajshahi Government College campus yesterday noon in connection with the February violence at Rajshahi University (RU).

The arrestee was identified as Shah Alam, the college unit general secretary of Shibir and a fourth year student of geography and environmental science, reports our staff correspondent.

Hailed from Naogaon, Alam got involved with Shibir and took part in violent Shibir activities at different RU dormitories and attack on police on February 8, said Shahadat Hossain, OC of Boalia police station.

He was hiding since the incident. He was held at around 1:00pm, said the OC adding the arrestee would be handed over to Motihar police.

In February Shibir attacks, Chhatra League worker Faruk Hossain was killed and around 100 were injured.

After the incidents, around 14 cases were filed against Jamaat and Shibir leaders and workers, said police.



Students attend their class under the decrepit roof of century-old Raigram High School in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district.

# 800 kids attend classes risking life in Jhenidah

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Students and teachers of century-old Raigram High School, situated some five kilometres away from Kaliganj upazila headquarters, have to attend classes amid risk as several cracks have developed on the roof of the worn-out building.

Eight classes comprising about 800 students are held under the shabby roof, lumps of plaster often fall on them.

"A few days ago I was hurt and traumatised when a lump of plaster fell on my

shoulder," said Abir Hossain, a student of class eight of the school.

Priyo Brata Dey, another student of the class, was also hurt in the incident.

The present two-storied building of the school, established by Babu Nagendranath Sen of Raigram village, was built in 1907.

"The old building has become risky but no steps have yet been taken to shift the classes to another place. We remain worried as the roof of the school may collapse any time taking a big

toll," said Jaharul Islam, a teacher of the school.

"The roof was made without proper netting and covering under the rod was inadequate. Consequently the rod has come out and rusted. It may collapse any time," Kaliganj upazila engineer Shib Shankor said.

Milon Hossain, headmaster of the school, said he has informed the chairman of school managing committee about the matter.

"A big amount of money is required to repair the roof of the school. I have sought help from local lawmaker in

this regard," said managing committee chairman Biswanath Bhattacharya.

When contacted, local lawmaker Abdul Mannan said, "If the school authorities apply to me I will sanction the amount needed for repair of the worn out building. Managing committee chairman of the school informed me orally."

Upazila Secondary Education Officer Abdul Bari said nobody has informed him in this regard. He added that he would shortly visit the institute and take necessary step.

# FARIDPUR MEDICAL COLLEGE DORMITORY Rival BCL men clash leaving 10 injured

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At least 10 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League were injured as two factions of the student body clashed at a dormitory of Faridpur Medical College early yesterday while office of a contractor was ransacked allegedly by Jubo League men in Natore town on Sunday night.

Our Faridpur correspondent quoted campus sources as saying that seven to eight BCL men led by their leaders Mohibullah and Zakirul broke open the doors of room numbers 206, 207 and 112 of the dormitory at around 3:00am. Equipped with iron rods and hockey sticks they swooped on their rival party men and damaged windowpanes.

The BCL men belonging to Shantanu and Mohibul faction made a counter

attack, leading to a clash between the activists of two BCL groups. At least 10 activists from both sides were injured during the clash that continued for half an hour.

Of the injured, Shantanu, Omar Faruk, Mainul Islam Himel, Rabiul Islam, Mohibul Haque, Sunny and Redwan were admitted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital while the rest given first aid.

Sources said the clash was a sequel to an altercation between the leaders and activists of the two factions at a meeting held on the campus on Sunday.

Contacted, ASM Jahangir Chowdhury, principal of the medical college, said a five-member probe committee headed by Dr Nazir Ahmed has been formed. The committee will submit its report within seven days, he added.

In Natore, the office of a construction contractor was ransacked allegedly by Jubo League activists at Station Bazar in Natore town on Sunday night, reports our correspondent.

Emdadul Haq Hira, owner of H&T International construction, alleged that six to seven Jubo League activists led by Rana attacked his office at around 8:00pm as he had earlier refused to pay them Tk 50,000 as illegal toll.

They damaged important documents, furniture, ceiling fans and a television set during the attack, he said.

Hira filed a case with Natore Police Station the same night, accusing Rana and five others. Police arrested Rabiul, 19, Amin, 20, of Bargachha area in the town in connection with the case yesterday morning.

# Girl commits 'suicide,' young man found dead

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Police recovered bodies of a young man and a girl from separate places in Sylhet and Rajbari districts on Sunday.

In Sylhet, police recovered the body of a young girl from her sister's house at Bashatgaon village in Sadar upazila in the evening, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Morium Begam, 20, daughter of late Abdus Sattar of Ramdhana village in Biswanath upazila.

Locals said after the death of her father two years ago Morium used to live with her elder sister at nearby Bashatgaon village.

Family sources said getting no response at noon after knocking the door of the room of the victim which was closed from inside they informed the police.

Later, police broke open the door and recovered the hanging body of Morium at about 1:00pm. The reason behind the suicide could not be known.

In Rajbari, floating body of an unidentified young man was recovered from the river Padma at Doulotdia ferry ghat in Goalanda upazila in the morning.

Police said locals found the body of the young man, aged about 35, that bore injury marks and informed them at about 10:00am.

Police suspected that criminals killed the young man following a previous enmity.



Rapid Action Battalion members seize huge arms, ammunition and arms making materials from Purbo Fakir Jumpara village in Moheshkhali upazila of Chittagong district and arrest three people in this connection yesterday. (Story on page 16)



A room of Faridpur Medical College Hospital dormitory lies ransacked as two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League engaged in clashes at the institution yesterday.

# DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS IN KHULNA 'Final' KCC notices being sent to 48 owners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna City Corporation (KCC) yesterday started sending final notices to the owners of 48 dilapidated buildings, asking them to demolish their structures in two months.

I have given them two months' time to demolish the buildings at their own cost. Otherwise, KCC will demolish the buildings, realising costs from the owners, said Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque.

Question of showing compassion under political influence to any such building owner does not arise at all. Because, lives of about

1,000 people residing in 48 most risky buildings are always at stake in apprehension of earthquake and severe cyclonic storms, the mayor said.

According to KCC Estate Officer Nuruzzaman Talukder, the 48 vulnerable buildings are located in different areas under five police stations of Khulna Metropolitan city where people are living risking their lives.

Owners of these most risky buildings must comply with the KCC notice as per building code, the estate officer added.

The buildings that need full demolition to get rid of

human casualties include 100-year-old Khulna district Jail, Ansar camp and Khulna General Hospital.

In 2004, the city corporation formed a committee to identify the vulnerable buildings by conducting a survey. But the report on findings of survey gathered dust as the then mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman did not desire to demolish the vulnerable buildings, branding the survey report as faulty and biased.

In June this year, KCC and Khulna Development Authority (KDA) jointly conducted a survey and identified 200 dilapidated buildings, 48 of them as most risky.

# Outlaw held in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An outlaw belonging to PBCP Janajudha faction was arrested with firearms and ammunitions from the remote shoal area of Sadar upazila yesterday.

Arrestee Mistar Ali alias Jahid, 45, is son of Easin Ali of village Shukchar in Pabna Sadar upazila. He is also one of the prime accused in the case for killing three unarmed policemen at Dhalarchar in Bera upazila on July 20.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Moazzem Hosain said, acting on a tip-off, a team of Pabna DB police raided Shukchar village on Monday evening and arrested Jahid.

Following his statement, police recovered an SMG (sub machine gun) and 55 bullets with a magazine from his possession.