

Implement CHT accord fully, demands PCJSS

Leaders pay tribute to MN Larma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Leaders of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) and its front organisations yesterday reiterated their demands for full implementation of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord and withdrawal of all remaining temporary security camps in the hill region.

They were speaking at a memorial meeting on Manabendra Narayan Larma (MN Larma) on his 27th death anniversary at Shilpakala Academy in the town.

MN Larma was the founder of PCJSS and elder brother of Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma, president of PCJSS and chairman of CHT Regional Council.

Laxmi Prasad Chakma, political affairs secretary of PCJSS central committee

was the chief guest at the function.

Chaired by Gunendu Bikash Chakma, president of PCJSS Rangamati district unit, the meeting was also addressed by convener of MN Larma Memorial Foundation Bijoy Keton Chakma, leader of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum Ashwini Kumar Gurkha, CHT Mohila Samity president Madhabi Lata Chakma, cultural activist Shishir Chakma, PCJSS district secretary Nilutpal Khisa and Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) district secretary Sunirmol Dewan.

Recalling MN Larma's outstanding contribution to the welfare of hill people in CHT, they said the jumbo people are proud of his dedicated, honest and patriotic leadership. Manabendra fought for constitutional recognition to indigenous communities, they pointed

out. He (MN Larma) dedicated his entire life for establishment of rights of indigenous people in hills and the jumbo people will never forget him, they added.

They strongly urged the present government to withdraw all remaining temporary security camps from CHT for the interest of full implementation of CHT accord.

PCJSS men and its front workers later offered wreath at the temporary memorial tomb of MN Larma built on the premises of district Shilpakala Academy.

Earlier, a mourning procession was brought out from Banarupa petrol pump point which paraded to Shilpakala Academy. Hundreds of leaders and activists of PCJSS and PCP and Mohila Samity from different upazilas of the district took part in the procession.

In Khagrachhari, the PCJSS held a memorial meeting on the premises of the headstone of MN Larma at Mohajonpara with Central Convener Sudhashendu Khesha as chief guest, reports a correspondent.

District Tripura president Sudtakor Tripurai presided the meeting while leaders of different front and social organisations attended.

Before the meeting, PCJSS and its front organisations placed wreaths at the headstone of MN Larma and observed one-minute's silence.

Born in 1941 MN Larma founded the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samiti (PCJSS) on February 15, 1972. In 1977 he organised the Shanti Bahini, an armed front operating in the Hill Tracts area. He was murdered by criminals on November 10, 1983.



Farmers of Patbila village in Kaliganj upazia of Jhenidah district sell sterile paddy plants as fodder to recover whatever portion of the cultivation cost they can.

PHOTO: STAR

OMS RICE ATTRACTS HUGE BUYERS IN JHENIDAH

Many go back empty-handed as dealers run out of supply

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Poor people in Jhenidah are very eager to buy rice under open market sale (OMS) programme as it sells at Tk 24 per kg against a market price of Tk 35. Hundreds of people through the OMS rice distribution centres early on the appointed day.

However, many people have to go back empty-handed as the dealers run out of supply shortly.

Each OMS dealer is provided 200 kg rice, but demand is much higher than that and many needy people are left deprived.

Jarina Khatun, 50, Tumpa,

10, Nurjahan, 45, Amana Khatun, 60, and Ashrafur Islam, 12, went to Kaliganj rice distribution centre on Thursday night and slept there so that they could occupy the front positions in the line the next morning.

Tumpa, a student of class five of Shibnagar Model Primary School, said, "I could not go to school today as I had to come here to get the rice. I cannot get it if I am not here early. So I came at 2:00am last night."

Amana Khatun of Dulalmundia village, five km away from the centre, went there at 1:00am, said, "I could not buy the rice last time as it was all sold out before I could

even reach here. I think the OMS dealers should be given more than just 200 kg so that all poor people can get the cheaper rice."

"It is very difficult for me to come here for the rice, but I still do. The money I save on rice helps me buy vegetables."

Nurjahan, who works as a domestic help, slept the night there to ensure an early turn so that she could take the rice and go to work after.

Rezaul Islam, an OMS dealer of Kaliganj upazia town, said, "I face a lot of trouble as I cannot supply according to the demand. I have to turn away at least 300 people every day."

"I think at least a 1000 kg

rice should be provided to each OMS dealer," he added.

Another dealer, Jahurul Islam said, "It is difficult to turn away a poor man empty handed. They crowd here and some of them sleep at the centre from the night before to occupy the front places of the queue in the morning. We should be given more rice to sell."

Atiar Rahman, another dealer of Jhenidah Sadar, echoed the same sentiment.

Deputy Commissioner Roma Rani Roy said, "Sometimes the people do not want to purchase OMS rice. If they need more, I will inform the concerned authority to provide more rice to each dealer."

'Outlaw' on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police on Tuesday remanded a hardened operative of outlawed PBCP Janajudhha for three days.

Earlier, Pabna DB police arrested Nistar Ali alias Jahid from Shukchar village of Pabna Sadar upazia on Monday night and recovered a SMG (sub machine gun) and 55 bullets from his possession.

The Judicial Court of Pabna Sadar granted three days remand following a prayer by police for the same, said sub-inspector Hipjur Alam of Pabna DB police.

Jahid is the prime accused in triple police murder case, said officer-in-charge of Bera police station Zillur Rahman.

400 bullets recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Over 400 live bullets were recovered from a bamboo cluster in Dinajpur Sadar upazia yesterday, police said. However, nobody was arrested in this connection.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team led by Hasan Shamim Iqbal, officer-in-charge of Dinajpur police station raided the bamboo cluster at Raniganj Bazaar of Dinajpur Sadra upazia and recovered 405 bullets of 303 rifles.

Boy drowns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A four-year-old boy drowned in a pond at Purba Tarapasha in Kishoreganj Sadar yesterday.

The victim was identified as Alamgir Hossain, 4, son of Hossain Ali of Bhatiasavar village in Nandail upazia.

Locals saw the floating body of Alamgir in the pond at about 9:00am. The boy might have fallen into the pond while playing nearby, locals apprehended. Police recovered the body and sent it to Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

BABU MURDER IN NATORE

3 arrested from Dhaka remanded for 3 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Three arrested from Dhaka on Monday night in connection with upazia chairman Sanauallah Noor Babu murder case was remanded for three days yesterday.

Judge Mahmudul Hasan of Baraigram Cognizance Court passed the order at about 01:00pm after Sub-Inspector Abdul Hannan of Natore Detective Branch of police, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, produced them before the court with a prayer for five-day remand on Tuesday noon.

Earlier, on Monday night a

team of Natore Detective Branch of police, assisted by local police, arrested three more accused in the murder case of Baaigram upazia chairman Sanauallah Noor Babu from the capital's Manik Miah Avenue area.

The arrestees were identified as Ashrafur Islam Mithu, 32, son of Arman Ali and Mohammad Badsha, 35, son of late Chand Mia of Mohisdanga village and also the convener of Bonpara Municipal Swechhasebak League and Lutfur Rahman, 35, of Gurumshoil village under Baraigram upazia in the district.

Mithu is a cousin of main

accused KM Zakir Hossain, former information and research secretary of Awami League's Natore district unit.

On October 10, Detective Branch of police arrested another accused, Russell Hossain Rappu, an upazia unit activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League, from his Mohisdanga village home.

Upzila Chairman Babu, also the president of Bonpara Municipal BNP was killed on 8 October during an attack allegedly by AL activists on a procession at Bonpara Bazar.

On October 9, his widow Mohua Noor Kachi filed a case with Boraigram police station accusing 27 people.

DEATH OF TEACHER

Students block road, attack doctor's house

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Agitated students attacked the house of a doctor of Rajoir hospital yesterday alleging that their teacher died due to his negligence.

Deceased Subhash Chandra Biswas, 55, was a teacher of Tekerhat Popular High School and College.

The students also barricaded the Dhaka-Barisal highway for half an hour.

Sources said Subhash Chandra Biswas, a blood cancer patient was admitted to Rajoir hospital about 7:10am yesterday.

As his condition was deteriorating, a nurse informed and requested the Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Dr

Dilip Kumar Das to come to the hospital as early as possible.

But no sooner Dr Dilip reached the hospital, the patient died.

Hearing the news of the teacher's death, the aggrieved students attacked and hurled brickbats on his residence.

When asked, local health and family planning official Dr Shahidul Islam said Shubhash Chandra was suffering from blood cancer for long. The allegation of negligence is not true, he added.

However several locals alleged that most of the doctors often keep busy with their private practice during the office hours.

Two commit 'suicide'

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Two people, including a sexagenarian woman, allegedly committed suicide in Thakurgaon and Comilla on Tuesday and Monday.

In Thakurgaon, Shushila, 65, daughter of late Bolai Roy of Ladabari village in Sadar upazia allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling of her room on Tuesday morning, reports our correspondent.

The reason behind the suicide could not be known immediately. A UD case was filed in this connection.

In Comilla, Jyotsna Begum, wife of Shah Alam, allegedly took poison as her impertinent son tortured her over a trifling matter at Kuziatul village in Muradnagar upazia on Monday, reports UNB.

She was rushed to Comilla Medical College Hospital where she died after sometime.



PHOTO: STAR

A large number of people queue up to get rice at cheaper rate at an open market sale (OMS) centre in Kaliganj upazia town of Jhenidah district. Arrangement at many OMS centres is, however, too inadequate to meet the demand, alleged the beneficiaries.

DHAKA-BARISAL ROUTE

Special launches, buses for Eid passengers

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Special launches will operate on Dhaka-Barisal-Dhaka route to facilitate movement of passengers during Eid holidays.

Private launch owners have arranged special service for 10 days from November 14 while the BIWTA will operate special launches from November 12 for 14 days.

Saidur Rahman Rintu, vice president of Barisal launch owners association, said they will operate extra trips by placing 12 triple-deck vessels daily on each ends of Dhaka and Barisal for Eid passengers from November 14 to 24.

Kazi Wakil Newaz, deputy director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) said they would operate Eid special launch services for 14 days from November 12 to 24 from Dhaka, Narayanganj and

Chandpur.

These special launches of BIWTA will ply on different routes of Barisal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Madaripur, Manikganj, Munshiganj and Shariatpur districts.

Meanwhile, the BRTC has arranged Eid special trips on 18 routes.

On Barisal-Kewrakandi-Barisal route 14-day special service has been introduced yesterday with eight buses, said Abdur Rahim, Barisal BRTC depot manager.

Besides over one hundred buses will leave Barisal every day for 10 days carrying more than 6 thousand passengers from two inter-district bus terminals from November 11, said Shah Alam Khan, president of district bus owners association.

However, a large number of people hoping to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha with their near and dear ones at their village home


will have to suffer a lot due to imposition of extra bus and launch fares by unscrupulous operators and sell-out of advance tickets of launch cabins and bus seats.

Sources in water and road transport offices said advance tickets for journey on most routes for five days before Eid and five days after the Eid day have already been sold out.

Few tickets of launch cabins and bus seats only for some special trips are available from the counters while tickets for regular trips are now available on the black market, the sources added.

For journey by private water and road transports during Eid days, passengers have to pay 40 to 60 percent extra fare, they said.

One-way bus fare on the Barisal-Dhaka route has also been increased from Tk 320 to Tk 450 against the official BRTC fare of Tk.280.



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