

SEVEN-POINT DEMAND

Hard rock miners' 24-hr ultimatum

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The agitating miners of Maddhapara Granite Mining Company Ltd (MGCL) gave a 24-hour ultimatum to the authorities to meet their seven-point demand including reinstatement of five fellow miners and withdrawing the case against them.

"If our demands aren't met within 24 hours starting today (yesterday), we'll wage a tougher movement including blocking of the Phulbari-Rangpur highway from Tuesday morning," said Md Mostafizur Rahman, general secretary of the union.

Miners at the press conference alleged that the MGCL authorities last week terminated five miners without serving any show-cause notice on them.

Captain (retd) SR Patwary, chief liaison officer of Blue Star Services, which recruited the miners for MGCL, said they issued discharge letters to the five miners.

Meanwhile, miners of Barapukuria Coal Mine and workers of Barapukuria Power Plant expressed solidarity with the miners of MGCL.

Miners have been long demanding regularisation of

their job with MGCL in vain. Against this backdrop, they protested appointments of nine officials and held demonstration when the officials went to the site for joining on November 23.

MGCL authorities said the miners assaulted the officials and snatched their appointment letters. The company dismissed five miners and filed a case against them following the incident.

Md Abul Basar, general manager (admin) of MGCL, said the miners were hired through the outsourcing company as per the decision of Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecnec).

"So MGCL cannot regularise their job. But we've informed the ministry concerned about the miners' demands," he said.



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Untreated wastes from SAF Tannery at Naoapara in Jessore are dumped into the Bhairab River, dangerously polluting its water and threatening fish and other aquatic creatures there. (Story on page 16).

BDR MUTINY IN DINAJPUR

Hearing on charge framing against 57 on January 17

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The special court-13, set up at Dinajpur Sector headquarters, yesterday fixed January 17 next year for hearing on charge framing against 57 mutineers of Dinajpur-2 Rifles Battalion.

The same court also fixed February 1 for hearing on charge framing against 13 mutineers of the sector headquarters.

The trial of 70 mutineers-57 from Dinajpur Rifles Battalion-2 and 13 from Dinajpur Sector headquarters--resumed at the special court headed by Sector Commander Col Saleh Ahmad at 10:00am yesterday.

Two other members of the court are Lt Col Mahaful Alam and Major Didar Al

Latif. Deputy Attorney General Biswajit Roy was also present.

Prosecutor Lt Col Ershad Hossain of Dinajpur-2 Battalion, urged the court to issue arrest warrants against 44 other accused in the mutiny case that he filed in May last year. The court then ordered arrest of the accused.

Major Abdul Wazed of Dinajpur Sector read out the allegations against 13 accused of the sector. After hearing, the court fixed February 1 for hearing on charge framing against the BDR rebels.

Police produced the mutineers in the special court amid tight security. After hearing the charges brought against the rebels, the court sent them to jail. The court started trial

proceedings on Saturday. At the beginning, the complainant, Subedar Major Shamsul Alam of Dinajpur 2 Battalion, urged the court to issue arrest warrants against 44 other accused in the mutiny case that he filed in May last year. The court then ordered arrest of the accused.

13 jailed in India for intrusion return home

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Thirteen Bangladeshi nationals who went to India illegally were sent back on Sunday through Sonamasjid immigration check post of Shibganj upazila.

All of them were jailed on different terms in Malda district of West Bengal.

Indian immigration police handed them over to the Bangladesh immigration police in presence of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at 11:00am.

They were identified as Kayes Sheikh, son of Najir Hossain of Jaminpur village, Tabjul Sheikh, son of late Hazrat Ali and Based Sheikh, son of Mohsin Ali of Parchouka village under Shibganj upazila, Shyamol Das, son of Tapan Das and Nagen Rishi, son of Mahenmdra Rishi of Rohonpur Bazar under Gomostapur upazila in Chapinawabganj district, Parimol Chandra Roy, son of late Durga Chandra Roy of Ganjarchar upazila of Rangpur district, Shukuruddin, son of late Kalim Uddin of Alladipur village under Sapahar upazila and Jamini Oran, wife of Sanchu Oran, Joymoni Oran, wife of Rabindra Oran, Budhini Oran, wife of Buddha Oran, Shefali Oran, daughter of Kanu Oran, Aninta Oran, son of Sanchu Oran and Bharati Oran, daughter of Jagannath Oran of Paschim Deolia village under Porsha upazila in Naogaon district.

The immigration police later handed them over to their relatives in presence of BDR officials. Meanwhile, BDR members arrested nine people while entering into the country from India illegally through

Doulatpur frontier at Ramkrishnapur village early Friday, reports UNB.

The arrestees were identified as Sadequl Islam, 35, Jamal Uddin, 32, Matiar Rahman, 28, Hakim Uddin, 30 of Shibganj upazila of Chapinawabganj, Abdu Berek, 32, Aktarul, 25, of Porsha upazila in Naogaon, Waliullah, 30, Rubel Rana, 20, of Sunamganj and Amin Uddin, 25, of Doulatpur upazila in Kushtia.

Later, BDR handed them over to Doulatpur police station. A case was filed in this connection.

On November 23, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel arrested 25 people, including women and children, for entering into the country illegally from India through Boroanchra border in Jessore, reports a Benapole correspondent.

The arrestees are Kamal Hossain, 30, Jyotsna Begum, 21, Jahanara Begum, 45, Jahanara Khatun, 36, Jharna Khatun, 25, Sujana Biswas, 24, Lucky Biswas, 18, Rafiqul, 24, Obejan Begum, 65, Amulya Sarkar, 45, Javed Mia, 32, Morium Begum, 28, Sonia, 11, Robi, 9, Bijon Chowdhury, 60, Krishna Rani, 40, Tahmina Begum, 37, Jakir Hossain, 35, Arejul Mondol, 40, Rahima Mondol, 30, Hossain Ali, 30, Tuhin, 11, Nazrul Islam, 30, Arifa Bibi, 26, and Mahfuza Bibi, 21.

They hail from different areas of Jessore, Dhaka, Chittagong, Pirojpur, Narail and Magura districts.

Acting on a tip-off, the border guards raided the area at 5:00pm and arrested them as they had no valid documents.

Later, the BDR handed them over to Benapole police. A case was filed with Benapole police station.

Another JMB leader held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An anti-militancy unit of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested another leader of the banned Islamic militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) from Kurigram district early Saturday.

Arrestee Sajū Miah alias Sajū, 25, a close aide to the former JMB chief Matin Mehedi, is a 'Gayree Ehsar' (a part-time member) of the militant organisation, said Rab officials.

A Kurigram court yesterday sent Sajū to district jail after being produced before the judge.

According to Rab-5 officials, the Rab team during a raid to Mollikipur village in the Sadar upazila caught Sajū while holding a secret meeting with his accomplices around 12:30am.

Sajū escaped arrest in April 2007 when police arrested Matin Mehedi with three others from Hatir Par area of Kurigram with bomb making materials and jihadi book.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT National Program Officer, Child and Women's Health

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