

# 56 mutineers sentenced to jail in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The special court-13 yesterday sentenced 56 jawans of Dinajpur 2 Battalion of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) to jail terms ranging from four months to seven years for their involvement in the mutiny at the battalion on February 25 and 26 in 2009.

The court, headed by Dinajpur Sector Commander Col Md Saleh Ahmad, also fined the convicts Tk 100 each. Two other members of the court were Lt Col Md Mahfuz Alam and Major Muhammad Masud Ul Islam.

The convicts are Imam Uddin Babu, Md Moniruzzaman, Shahbuddin Mollah, Mahfuzur Rahman, Md Motizur Rahman, Md Saiful Alam, Md Shahabul Alam, Md Al Helal Al Arif, Md Rafiqul Islam, Md Anisur Rahman, Atiquzzaman Sohel, Anisuzzaman, Md Dulal Ahmed, Md Alamgir Alam, Kawsar Alam, Md Abdul Monnaf, Md Murshidul Haque Mollik, Md Azahar Mia, Mintu Pramanik, Md Wazed Mia, Md Billal Hossain, Mahbubur Rahman, Md Samsuddin Admed, Bidhan Chandra Mridha, Pannu Mia, Md Mujibur Rahman, Moyez Uddin Sarker, Md Mohin Uddin, Md Shamim Khan, Md Abdul Hye, Md Sagar Biswas, Md Iqbal Hossain, Md Ashrafal Alam, AK Fazlul Haque and Sunil Kumar Biswas, Mintu Pramanik, Md Wazed Mia, Md. Billal Hossain, Mahbubur Rahman, Md Samsuddin Admed, Bidhan Chandra Mridha, Pannu Mia, Md Mujibur Rahman, Md Mohin Uddin, Md Abdul Hye, Md Sagar Biswas, Md Iqbal Hossain, Md Asrafal Alam, AK Fazlul Haque,

Sunil Kumar Biswas, Md Shafiqul Islam, Md Hafizur Rahman, Md Mozakkarul, Md Enamul Kabir Khan, Md Kamruzzaman Talukdar, Gias Uddin, Sheikh Salaudhin, Md Akramul Haque, Md Maksudur Rahman. Md Towhid Hossain Mamun, Md Masud Parvez, Md Hamidullah, Iqbal Hossain, Motiur Rahman, Md Mamun Uddin, Razib Ahmed, Mohammad Helal Uddin, Arif Uddin Laskar, Md Dulal Uddin Khan, Md Nuruzzaman, Yousuf Ali, Md Shafiqul Islam, Md Hafizur Rahman, Md Mozakharul, Md Enamul Kabir Khan, Md Kamruzzaman Talukdar, Gias Uddin, Sheikh Salaudhin, Md Akramul Haque, Md Maksudur Rahman, Md Towhid Hossain Mamun, Md Masud Parvez, Md Hamidullah, Iqbal Hossain, Motiur Rahman, Md Mamun Uddin and Razib Ahmed, Mohammad Helal Uddin, Arif Uddin Laskar, Md Dulal Uddin Khan, Md Nuruzzaman and MdYousufAli.

Of them, Four were jailed for seven years, four for four years, seven for three years, nine for two and a half years, 17 for two year, seven for one year, three for one and a half years, and one was jailed for six years, one for five years, one for three and a half years, one for six months while another for four months.

The court acquitted a jawan named Md Nazrul Islam as charges brought against him could not be proved.

Charges were framed against the rebels on April 12. Four confessed to their involvement in the mutiny and begged for mercy while the other claimed innocence.

# Kids can't study as saw mill roars only 10 metres away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Study of 479 students of Purbo Kharibari Babupara Registered Primary School at remote Purbo Kharibari char on the Teesta River in Dimla upazila is badly disturbed due to noise and air pollution caused by an unlicensed saw mill beside the school.

"Police constable Abdul Awal, hailing from the same village, set up a saw mill only 10 metres away from the school on his own land about three weeks ago. Every day, students and teachers request the mill owner or his representative to stop its operation during school hours but to no effect," said Mofidur Rahman, headmaster of the primary school, on Monday.

"Students cannot follow the teachers in classes due to roaring of the mill. Many of them sneeze or hiccup due to inhaling air polluted by wood dust. A good number of students avoid classes when the mill operates," he added.

The 25 horse power capacity saw mill, which is



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Students of Purbo Kharibari Registered Primary School in Dimla upazila of Nilphamari district making an entreaty to suspend operation of this saw mill during the school hours as the roaring of the machine and wood dust from the mill, only 10 metres away, badly disturbs their classes.

operated by a shallow irrigation machine, creates thunderous sound.

Besides, dust-like wood particles float in the air and cover the surrounding area, said local resident Moklesur Rahman, also guardian of a student.

"Earlier I had requested the policeman not to set up the saw mill so close to the school but he ignored it. I made a complaint to the Dimla UNO, urging him to take action against the unlicensed saw mill," said Mokbul Hossain,

president of the school managing committee.

Several students including Abdur Rahim, Md Hakim and Sharifa Aktar said they cannot hear teachers when the mill runs.

They also face breathing

problem as wood particles float in the air.

"Purbo Kharibari Babupara Registered Primary School achieved 100% pass percentage in last primary terminal examination while 24 of 36 candidates secured 'A' grade. It is a matter of concern that learning of children in a remote char area is hampered," said Dimla Upazila Primary Education Officer Selina Begum.

Asked, saw mill owner Abdul Awal said, "I am a policeman and have set up the saw mill on my own land, not on school land. I don't know whether I need a license for it. If needed I shall take the license in time."

Contacted, Dimla UNO Mizanur Rahman on Tuesday said, "Following complaint from school authority concerned, I have directed the upazila forest department official to serve show cause notice on the saw mill owner. After getting the reply I shall go for next course of action."

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# Indefinite ban on fishing in Kaptai Lake from today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Rangamati district administration has imposed a ban on fishing in Kaptai Lake for an 'indefinite period' from today.

A letter issued in this regard yesterday instructed the Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation (BFDC) to strictly enforce the ban.

All kinds of netting, marketing, preservation, drying and transportation of fishes have been banned. Besides, all the fishermen have been instructed to move their dried fishes from the district to other destinations within three days.

The administration also asked all people to refrain from catching fishes from sanctuaries including those in front of BFDC landing terminal, DC Bungalow, Parjatan areas and UNO office at Longudu till further order.

The ban is enforced for breeding and boosting fish production in the lake. During the period, the mother fishes lay eggs while fish fries are also released in the lake.

Every year, catching of fishes in the lake is banned for three months from May-July. The authorities, however, have imposed ban for an indefinite period this year.

A section of fishermen in connivance with some dishonest BFDC and district fisheries officials catch fishes and fish fries indiscriminately during the ban period, sources said.

## Tragic!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A school student allegedly committed suicide in Tangail town on Friday night over a trifling matter.

Victim Dwip, 16, son of freedom fighter Awal Siddique of Sabalia area appeared in the SSC examinations from local Shibnath High School in the town this year.

Dwip's parents went to Dhaka to receive one of his sisters, coming from Delhi, keeping him at the house alone, victim's family sources said.

Seriously shocked, he killed himself by hanging from the grill of a window of the lonely house, they added.

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