

# TEST RELIEF PROGRAMME IN SADULLAPUR OF GAIBANDHA

## 57 project heads sued on misappropriation charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Authorities have sued 57 project chairmen on charge of misappropriating rice and wheat allocated for government test relief programme meant for maintenance of rural infrastructure in Sadullapur upazila of the district.

Sadullapur upazila Project Implementation Officer (PIO) Moshir Rahman filed certificate cases with the UNO and General Certificate Officer's court in the upazila accusing the 57 chairmen of misappropriating 18 tonnes of rice allocated for 14 projects and 46 tonnes of wheat for 43 projects under the programme.

Most of the accused people are local leaders and activists of Jatiya Party (Ershad).

PIO Moshir Rahman said 175 tonnes of rice and 488 tonnes of wheat were allocated against 419 development projects for the imple-

mentation of rural infrastructures including primary and high schools, colleges, madrasas, mosques, temples, Eidgah grounds, Muktiyoddha Sangsad office, funeral ground and union land office in Sadullapur upazila in 2009-10 fiscal year.

As investigation revealed that chairmen of 63 projects misappropriated either total or partial amount of the allocated food grains without implementing the work, the authority in June 2010 asked the defaulter project chairmen to deposit the price of allocated food grain to the government account.

But none of them responded to the notice.

The authority on January 11 this year again issued notice to the 63 defaulter project chairmen for depositing double the price of misappropriated food grains to government account without delay, the PIO said.

Meanwhile, an appeal jointly

signed by the president and the secretary of Sadullapur upazila Awami League (AL) was forwarded to the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management for re-investigation into the cases of six project chairmen, all union level leaders of AL.

The ministry asked the deputy commissioner of Gaibandha to re-investigate the matter of the six project chairmen.

The 57 other project chairmen did not deposit stipulated amount of Tk 23 lakh 25 thousand 576 against the misappropriated food grains.

Consequently, the PIO started filing certificate cases against 57 project chairmen on May 9 as per government rules under PDR Act 1913.

The defaulter project chairmen, who are influential and politically backed, did not implement the work and sold delivery order of the allocated food grain in black mar-

ket, said Sadullapur upazila PIO Moshir Rahman.

Contacted by this correspondent, some defaulter project chairmen said they became victim to the wrath of political leaders despite implementing the work properly.

"We will go for legal battle for justice," said a project chairman at Bongram village.

As the defaulters misappropriated the food grain specially allocated for employment of the destitute, they should be tried under the existing law, said Shahrier Khan Biplob, secretary of upazila unit of AL.

On the other hand, Rafiqul Islam, secretary of upazila unit of Jatiya Party, said, "So far as I know, the project chairmen implemented the works properly. Still they are being charged with misappropriation cases. It is simply harassment to them."



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Nurses of Chapainawabganj Nursing Training Institute and Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital bring out a procession in Chapainawabganj town yesterday marking International Nurses Day yesterday.

## 3 alleged killers of Tangail woman, daughter held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

### Follow-up

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) early yesterday arrested three suspected killers of a woman and her daughter in Delduar upazila.

The arrestees are Sanwar Hossain, 50, his son Rony, 20, and Mohammad Shorab, 32, of Borny village.

The sensational double murder took place on May 6 night at the village.

Delduar police recovered the bodies of handicraft maker Hazera Begum, 55, and her daughter Nasrin Akter, 22, from a paddy field adjacent to their house at the village.

After the incident, Hazera's son Mosharaf Hossain filed a case and police arrested Sirajul Islam, husband of victim Nasrin in connection with the murder.

Police took Sirajul on remand for three days for quizzing but could not extract any information regarding the murder.

At this stage, tracking mobile call lists, a crime prevention team of Rab-12 led by its commander Maj Mahfuzul Haque and deputy commander ASP Ashok Kumar Mondol went to Borny village and arrested handicraft maker Mohammad Shorab, a relative of Nasrin, from his house.

On the basis of Shohrab's confession, the same Rab team later raided another house in the same village and arrested Rony from there. As per statement of Rony, they arrested Rony's father Sanwar Hossain, 50, from a house at Kumulli village in Sadar upazila, Rab sources said.

Arrested Shohrab told the journalists that Nasrin had an extra-marital affair with Rony.

An influential Sanwar, being worried and thinking that the affair might become

public, planned to kill Nasrin, Shohrab said.

"He came to me, asked me to kill Nasrin and assured me that in return he will not demand Tk 25,000 that I borrowed from him," he said.

As per the plan, Rony called Nasrin out of her house and took her to a bamboo cluster at night where Shohrab and Sanwar were waiting for them. Immediately after Nasrin's arrival, Shohrab strangled her on the spot.

A few minutes later, Nasrin's mother Hazera came out of the house in search of her daughter. Shohrab strangled her also on the spot and dumped the bodies in the paddy field.

Although Shohrab claimed that he killed both the woman and her daughter, Sanwar and his son Rony told journalists that the statement of Shohrab was a cock and bull story. They strongly refuted their involvement with the murder.



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Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) besiege Kushtia Sadar police station on Wednesday night demanding arrest of Swechchasebok League workers who stabbed two BCL men in the town.

## Headmaster besieged for assault on colleague

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidaha

Teachers and students of Gopalpur High School in Kaliganj upazila yesterday confined the headmaster of the school to his office room for two hours from 8:30am protesting alleged physical assault on a female teacher by him.

They also staged a protest rally and formed a human chain on the school premises demanding immediate removal of the headmaster.

Sources said female teacher Rahima Khatun sought two days' leave on medical ground on May 9, but headmaster Chittaranjan Pal refused to grant the leave. Rahima had to undergo a minor operation.

As Rahima came to school on May 11, the headmaster misbehaved with Rahima and forced her to leave the school. Rahima informed the matter to upazila secondary education officer Abdul Bari who talked to the headmaster and asked Rahima to join.

Accordingly, Rahima reached the school yesterday morning. Teachers of the school alleged Headmaster Chittaranjan Pal called her to his office at around 8:00am locked in an altercation with her. At one stage, he physically assaulted Rahima, they said.

The incident sparked protest among the teachers and students of the school.

Contacted, Headmaster Chittaranjan Pal said he is not the only responsible for the incident. "Rahima exchanged heated words with me and hit on my head with her sandal," he said.

## BCL, AL front men clash in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) besieged Kushtia Sadar police station on Wednesday night demanding arrest of the Swechchasebok League workers who stabbed two BCL men in the town.

They also blocked Kushtia-Khulna highway at Mamampur point for two hours from 10:00am yesterday on the same demand.

The injured BCL men--Saiful Islam, vice-president of Kushtia district unit, and Milon, an activist of Kushtia Government College unit--are undergoing treatment at Kushtia General Hospital.

Police and BCL sources said the attack on Saiful and Milon on Wednesday night was a sequel to an incident that occurred at the entrance to Kushtia Government College at around 2:30pm the day.

Saiful and BCL college unit activists intercepted a group of Swechchasebok League workers at the main

gate of the college as they led by Kushtia district committee general secretary Sajjad Hossain Sabuj tried to enter the campus.

When Saiful and Milon came to Narikeltala area in the town at around 8:30pm, Swechchasebok league workers swooped on the two, stabbed in different parts of their bodies and left the scene.

Immediately after the incident, hundreds of BCL men brought out a procession in the town and laid a siege to Kushtia Sadar police station demanding immediate arrest of the attackers.

The BCL men withdrew the siege programme at around 10:00pm after the district police officials assured them of arrest of the attackers.

The agitating BCL men again took out a procession in the town yesterday morning to press home their demand and put up a barricade at Mamampur point of Kushtia-Khulna highway, disrupting traffic for two hours from 10:00am.

## SNIPPETS

### One jailed for murder

UNB, Sylhet

A court here sent a man to 10 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) on Wednesday for killing his father-in-law. The court also fined him Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer more six years RI. The convict was identified as Nazrul Islam Sumon, son of Faizun Nur of village Bhandra in Jamalganj upazila of Sunamganj district. According to the prosecution, Sumon used to torture his wife Rozina Akter most often. Sumon stabbed Rozina's father Shamur Mia when he came and protested the torture on his daughter on April 19, 2009. The injured was admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital where the attending doctor declared him dead.

### Man killed by elder brother

UNB, Sunamganj

A man was killed by his elder brother following a family feud at Kalanjura village in Jagannathpur upazila Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Mansur Ahmad Lebu Mia, 28, son of Aftab Ali of the village. Local people said there was a longstanding dispute between Dulu Mia and his younger brother Lebu Mia over family affairs. They said a quarrel ensued between the two brothers in the evening over a trifling matter and at one stage Dulu Mia hit Lebu with a sharp weapon leaving him critically injured. Later, the injured was rushed to Sylhet Osmani Medical College where he succumbed to his injuries.

### Youth punished for teasing girl

UNB, Bogra

A mobile court here on Tuesday convicted a youth and sentenced him to six months imprisonment for teasing a college girl. The convict was identified as Shaheb Ali, 24, son of Golam Rabbani of Bhutbari village in Dhunat upazila. Police said Shaheb Ali sexually harassed the girl, a student of Kazipur Mansur Ali Government College, and daughter of Imdadul Haque of the village when she was going to help her father at their maize field Monday morning. Hearing hue and cry of the victim, local people caught Shaheb Ali and handed him over to police.

### Fake lawyer arrested

UNB, Naogaon

Police arrested a fake lawyer near Sadar model police station on Wednesday on charge of blackmailing people in the district. Police said Moklesur Rahman, 58, who identified himself as a lawyer of High Court, was trying to establish relations with local people, including police officials, using his fake identity. He used to visit different areas, including court in the district town. Recently he took a huge amount and demanded more Tk 30,000 from Hossain Ali, resident of Sujail village in Mahadevpur upazila, in the name of settling his stamp forgery case. But due to dilly-dally by Mokles in resolving the case, Hossain became suspicious and informed the matter to police. Later, as per the instruction of police Hossain asked Mokles to take the money from him from near the police station. When Mokles came to the area for the money police arrested him.

## Masked gang enters house, attacks new UP chairman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A newly elected UP chairman was seriously injured as an unidentified gang attacked him on Wednesday midnight.

He was admitted first at Patuakhali general hospital and then shifted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

Victim Feroz Alam, was recently elected chairman of Jainkathi union parishad under Sadar upazila.

The victim and family sources said a masked gang of 7/8 entered the house of the chairman-elect in the town's Jainkathi area by breaking the gills of the windows and attacked him with sharp weapons.

Hearing hue and cry nearby people rushed to the spot and rescued him in critical condition.

However, the criminals managed to flee the scene.



PHOTO: STAR

Injured Feroz Alam

In Manikganj, at least 10 people were injured in a clash between supporters of two chairmen candidates of Borotia union parishad under Ghior upazila on Wednesday night, reports our correspondent.

At around 11:45pm the supporters of Selim Khan and Belayet Hossain Sujol locked in an altercation which later turned into a violent clash.

Office In-charge (OC) of Ghior police station Azizur Rahman said, the two chairman aspirants are inhabitants of Hijulia village.

The villagers sat with the two candidates at Hijulia Bazar at night to select a single candidate in their village.

After some discussion, Rezaul Karim Uzzal, central Jubo League member and brother of candidate Belayet Hossain Sujol, said that incumbent chairman Selim Khan should not participate in the upcoming union parishad election as he is sick.

But Selim Khan rejected the proposal. At this, the supporters of the two chairmen candidates locked in altercation and later engaged in clashes, the OC said.

At least 10 people were injured. A few of them were taken to Ghior upazila health complex for treatment.

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