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Men of a land grabber put a bamboo fence and set red flags there on Tuesday night, claiming ownership of a portion of the land of Gaibandha municipality graveyard. Locals, however, drove away the alleged grabber's men yesterday.

## Grabber eyes graveyard land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Local people foiled a land grabber's attempt to occupy a portion of Gaibandha municipality graveyard on Wednesday. A gang of around 20 people erected a bamboo fence, hoisted red flags there and hung a banner on around one acre area of land of Gaibandha municipality graveyard Tuesday night, said the caretaker of the graveyard.

They also made arrangement to cut down trees of the surrounding areas in the morning, he said. As aggrieved people chased the land grabber's men and beat up a few of them, the latter fled away. Shamim Mia, an 'agent' of the land grabber, claimed that Masudur Rahman Chowdhury of village Kazla in Gobindaganj upazila got an injunction in his favour from a lower court on a 1.24-decimal plot of the

municipality graveyard. "Accordingly, we came to take possession of the plot," he said. He, however, failed to give detailed and specific information in support of the claim. Refuting the claim, Motiur Rahman, panel mayor of Gaibandha municipality, said, "We never received any notice from the court in this regard. Municipality graveyard is a public property and so, no one can claim it

as personal property." The mayor is now outside Gaibandha and necessary measures will be taken against the grabber soon after the mayor returns to the town, the panel mayor added. The heinous attempt to grab land of the graveyard has sparked protest from the town dwellers. Demanding punishment of the grabbers, they have vowed to resist any such practice in future.

# Police-student clash in Barisal: 20 hurt

Textile engineering college closed till June 18; 350 students sued; 13 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Twenty people including a teacher, four policemen and 15 students were injured in clashes between students and police on the campus of Barisal Shaheed Abdur Rob Serniabat Textile Engineering College yesterday morning.

The college authority closed the institution till June 18 and asked the students to vacate the hostel by afternoon, said Abdus Salam Shikdar, principal of the college.

Police lodged a case against 350 students and arrested 13 as of filing this report, said Zahangir Hossain, officer in charge of Barisal Kotwali police station.

Students of the textile engineering college in Barisal city organised agitation programmes on the campus to press home their demand for continuation of diploma engineering course at the college, arrangement for adequate appointment in government services and 30 percent quota for the diploma holders in BSc engineering course.

They held a peaceful rally on the campus and formed a human chain beside the adjacent road at about 8:00am. But some of the students suddenly started ransacking rooms of the college and vehicles on the road in front of the campus and tried to lock the aca-

demical and administrative sections of the college and block the road by felling logs, said police and witnesses.

Police interfered and brought the situation under control by charging baton, firing three rounds of rubber bullets and nine rounds of tear gas cells at around 9:00 am, said Syed Taufiquddin Ahmed, commissioner of Barisal Metropolitan Police.

At least 15 students, a teacher named Shahidul Islam and four policemen including Assistant Sub Inspector Mohiuddin and constables Joynul Abedin, Saidul Islam and Sree Sajal were injured during the

incident. The injured cops were admitted to police hospital while the injured students, who received treatment at different private clinics, went into hiding to evade arrest.

Sub Inspector Kamallesh lodged a case against 350 students of the textile college on charge of creating obstacle to law enforcers' performing government duty, assaulting police and damaging public properties and holding illegal rally.

Police arrested 13 students -- Iqbal Hossain and Imran Hossain of sixth semester, Russell and Mong Rakhain of fourth semester, Rahmatullah, Sohel Rana

and Hafizur Rahman Limon of third semester, Mehedi Hasan, Mainul Islam, Saidul Islam, Abdus Samad and Arifur Rahman of second semester, and Hafizur Rahman of first semester.

The court sent them to jail.

Principal of the college said academic council decided to issue show cause notices to Aminul Islam Mustafa alias Firoz Mustafa, Kaniz Fatema and Md Mojibur Rahman for provoking and forcing the general students in creating chaos on the campus.

The college authorities will also lodge case for damaging college properties, he added.



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Police go into action after students of Barisal Abdur Rob Serniabat Textile Engineering College, agitating to press home their three-point demand, vandalise rooms of the college and vehicles on the adjacent road yesterday.

## Post-UP poll violence leaves 30 injured in 3 districts

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Post-UP poll violence in Thakurgaon, Natore and Chapainawabganj districts left at least 30 people injured yesterday and on Wednesday night.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reported that at least 10 people, including a presiding officer and two Ansars, were injured as the supporters of a defeated member candidate attacked election officials and on-duty Ansars after announcement of results at Vedail Primary School polling centre in Rator union under Ranishankoil upazila on Wednesday night.

After announcement of results by Presiding Officer Moniruzzaman at around 9:00pm, the supporters of defeated member candidate Nasirul Islam, 45, rejected the results and demanded recounting of votes.

As the presiding officer refused to accept the demand, the supporters of Nasirul swooped on him, polling officers and Ansars, leaving 10 people, including the presiding officer, two Ansars, injured.

On information, striking force went to the spot and arrested defeated member candidate Nasirul, Kamal Hossain and Khairul Islam.

Later, Judicial Magistrate Fahim Faisal sentenced Nasirul Islam, 45, son of late Akhter Uddin of Vedail village, to one year's imprisonment, and Kamal Hossain, 25, son of late Yunus Ali of the same village, to three years imprisonment for violating election code of conduct. They were sent to Thakurgaon jail.

Another arrestee, Khairul Islam, 25, son of Abu Bakkar of the village, was sued for assaulting the presiding officer. A regular case was filed against him. He was sent to jail.

In Natore, the supporters of two defeated chairman candidate-- Akram and Noyez Uddin--clashed in Paka Union under Bagatipara upazila at around 2:00pm yesterday, leaving at least 12 people from both sides injured.

Police went to the spot, dispersed the clashing groups and brought the

situation under control.

Of the injured, Mozam Ali, Joy Mia, Ramjan Ali, Hannan, Saiful Isalm, Aloka, Mukti, Fazlul Haque and Nizam Uddin were admitted to Lalpur Upazila Health Complex. Fazlul Haque was later shifted to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

In C'nawabganj, four people were injured and three shops ransacked during post poll clashes in Gomostapur upazila on Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Police said supporters of chairman-elect Shahidul Islam of Bangabari Union Parishad and defeated chairman candidate Sadirul Islam clashed, leaving three people injured from both sides.

Being informed, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) along with BGB members went to the spot and brought the situation under control.

In another incident, a supporter of a defeated chairman candidate was injured by his rivals at Boalia Union.

## DEATH THREAT TO CARMICHAEL COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

# 27 Shibir men picked up, 16 shown arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police picked up 27 leaders and activists of Chhatra Shibir from different places of the district town early yesterday in connection with a case filed for alleged death threat to the principal of Carmichael College Prof Dipkendra Nath Das.

Police said 16 of them including Shibir district unit president Abu Taher and city unit secretary Moshtaque Hossain were shown arrested in the case lodged by the principal. "We are quizzing the rest

of the Shibir men. If we find their involvement with the threat, we shall arrest them," said Officer-in-Charge Haider Ali Molla of Kotwali Police Station.

Police picked up the shibir men, raiding different parts of the town after two unidentified people fired two blank shots behind the principal's residence on the college campus on Tuesday night.

Contacted, the principal said Shibir cadres might have fired the blank shots to create panic. "They wanted me to withdraw the case I lodged against 80

Shibir leaders and activists a few days ago."

A number of Shibir leaders and activists threatened the principal with death as he refused to reopen the college hostels which have remained closed for the last three months.

The academic council and Employees' Association of Carmichael College formed a human chain on the campus at around 11:00 am yesterday demanding arrest of the Shibir cadres who had threatened the principal with death.

## 9 get life for killing schoolboy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Nine people were yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a schoolboy in Muktagachha upazila in 2006.

The lifers are Saiful Islam, Anisur Rahman, Piyash Pal, Razib Chandra, Shariful Islam, Jamal Uddin, Delwar Hossain, Pankaj Kumar and Shariful Islam alias Shohag.

The court also fined the convicts Tk5,000 each, in default they are suffer three months more in jail, court sources said.

According to the prosecution, the convicts killed Ratan Kumar Saha, 14, a class nine student of a local school, at Muktagachha upazila headquarters at around 8:00pm on September 9, 2006 as a sequel to previous enmity.

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