

# Admin's bid to allay fear of border people

View exchange on survey today

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In a bid to gain confidence of the border people who had been protesting the joint survey, the district administration has organised a view exchange meeting this afternoon at Jaintapur upazila headquarters.

People from Jaintapur and Gowainghat upazilas are expected to join the discussion.

Joint survey of the Sylhet-Meghalaya border which began 7 December last year came to a halt 20 June after the inhabitants of Sonarhat (Padua-Protappur) border staged agitation fearing that over 50 acres of their land would be handed over to the Indians.

The incident occurred when the surveyors set some temporary pillars on points near Tamabil on 19 June and on Padua borders

the following day.

Since then, organised groups of locals are guarding those border areas.

Assistant director of survey Dabir Uddin Ahmed told this correspondent yesterday afternoon that they are yet to get any green signal from the high-ups to resume the survey.

Contacted, the deputy commissioner of Sylhet Abu Syed Mohammad Hashim said that the border people were misled by wrong information.

"We hope the view exchange meetings would remove their misunderstandings."

Although it was first scheduled to complete the survey work by 15 January, the authorities had to extend time thrice.

Meanwhile, a few groups of locals, backed by the Opposition, announced sit-in on the border upazilas from today to protest what they said the government bid to hand over lands to the Indians in the name of joint survey.

The sit-in will be 27 June in Companiganj, 29 June in Jaintapur and Gowainghat and on 30 June in Jakiganj border upazilas.

In the face of protests by hundreds of Bangladeshi nationals on Tamabil, Sonarhat, Amswapnupur, Naljur, Dibir Haor and other borders during the last two weeks, the survey officials of Meghalaya and Bangladesh had to suspend their job, said Dabir Uddin.

"We faced much trouble while trying to survey the lands close to the Tamabil International Check Post as those were claimed by the Indians," he said.

Prior to the recent protests by the locals, stalemate prevailed for months as Bangladeshi officials could not agree with the Indians over survey points on the adversely possessed lands (APL) on different borders in the region.

Her family members rescued her and took her to Pabna Medical College and Hospital. As her condition deteriorated she was shifted to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital.

She was brought back home on Friday for taking her to Dhaka for better treatment. But her condition deteriorated further and she died in the afternoon.

Police handed over the body to her family after post-mortem on Saturday.

Lucky's father filed a case against Momin and his father Sobhan Mollah. But the accused have gone into hiding.

In another incident, Bidyut Kumar Chakraborty, 12, son of Sukumar Chakraborty of Bonogram village under Ataikula PS allegedly committed suicide early Saturday.

A student of Dulal College in Pabna, Bidyut hanged himself for failing to marry his beloved, police said.

On June 13 morning, Momin gave her an indecent proposal near the madrassa and harassed her physically in front of locals when she turned down his proposal.

On return home, an extremely shocked Lucky attempted to commit suicide by hanging herself with the help of a scarf.



PHOTO: STAR  
Policemen stand guard at a market while shop owners keep the shutters down in Sirajganj town during yesterday's half-day hartal enforced by BNP protesting arrest of its district unit General Secretary Mokaddes Ali.

## ATTACK ON TRAINEE NURSES AT MMCH Probe committee misses deadline again

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The probe body formed after the attack on trainee nurses of Mymensingh Nursing College (MNC) by the fourth class employees of Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital (MMCH) on June 13, missed the deadline for the second time as it could not submit its report yesterday.

A six-member probe body headed by Prof Dr Motiur Rahman of surgery department was formed on June 14 and it was due to submit its report to the MMCH authorities by June 20.

On expiry of first deadline, the probe body sought seven more days to submit the report and the second deadline also expired yesterday.

At least 35 people were injured as trainee nurses and employees of MMCH locked in a series of clashes on June 13. Among the injured, 30 are students of MNC.

The trainee nurses went on a week-long agitation including class boycott, formation of human chains, sit-in and rallies after the attack. All academic activities of MNC including examinations remained sus-

pended during the agitation.

The students called off their agitation on June 20 and returned to their classes after Principal Motiur Rahman, MP, president of MMCH management committee assured them of a fruitful solution.

Contacted, Prof Motiur Rahman said that the report is at its final stage and it will be submitted in a day or two. He also said that the representatives of nurses and trainee nurses did not appear before the probe body.

Sources said, the trainee nurses on June 13 morning went to meet the hospital director to know the reasons for cancellation of their sick room facilities.

When the students entered the director's room, a group of fourth class employees of the hospital rushed to the spot and asked the students to give them easy passage.

As the students refused to leave the place, an altercation began and at one stage an employee pushed a female student and pulled her scarf triggering a clash, students said.

The employees later swooped on the students and beat them up with sticks indiscriminately, injuring at least 30 students.

Shyampur of Dhaka early Saturday.

The district truck owners and workers associations in separate statements expressed concern over growing incidents of looting goods-laden trucks, killing drivers and helpers on highways in Bogra-Naogaon-Sirajganj region.

They said this is the second time that goods-laden truck is taken away after killing the driver and the helper on the highway.

A Dhaka-bound rice-laden truck from Naogaon was looted killing its driver Elamul, 40, of Hapania of Naogaon Sadar upazila and his assistant and the bodies were dumped in a lake in Banani in the capital on January 8, they said.

They demanded immediate arrest of the killers of the four transport workers and step to ensure security of truck drivers and helpers on highways.

## Criminals capture truck, killing driver, helper

UNB, Naogaon

Criminals took away a poultry feed-laden truck, killing its driver and helper and dumping their bodies in a roadside pond at Ranobag in Mathurapur-Singra area of Nandigram in Bogra on Saturday.

Being informed, police recovered the bodies of driver Delwar Hossain, 45, of Abadpur village in Naogaon Sadar upazila and helper Abdul Barik, 34, of Chakprasad village, and sent those to hospital morgue for autopsy in the afternoon.

The truck was later recovered along with the goods in an abandoned condition from Padma residential area in Boalia of Rajshahi yesterday morning.

Police said one Enamul Haque is the owner of the truck which was hijacked from Bogra-Sirajganj road on its way to Nazirpur of Patnitola of Naogaon from

## Try killers of Patradoot editor, demand Satkhira newsmen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Later, accused Khalilullah Jhajhuria and Abdus Sabur filed an appeal petition before a bench of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court with a prayer to shift the trial court from Satkhira.

After hearing, the High Court's Division bench rejected the prayer on November 7 in 2007.

On July 26 in 2009, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court rejected the prayer and the copy of the order reached the judge's court on September 30 in 2010.

After 14 years 8 months of the murder, trial of the murderer finally began as the court recorded the statement of the prosecution witnesses on February 17 last.

But the witnesses of the case are now showing reluctance to give deposition before the court as the accused are threatening them, they said.

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