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## Two tireless retirees brave it

They still run the school in their locality that has no teacher, staff

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Study of over 200 students is badly hampered as Dadrokh Non-government Primary School in Balla union under Harirampur upazila of Manikganj district has been running without any regular teacher or staff for three years.

Their schooling, however, has so far been saved as two retired teachers are giving

voluntary service to teach the students as well as manage other works of the institution, the lone one in the village.

Apart from taking classes, they do the work of office assistant, bell ringer, and even cleaner.

Authorities did not fill the vacancies after headmaster Md Punja Shikder and teachers Porimal Kumer Roy, Ramesh Chandra Rakkhit

and Hazrat Ali went on LPR between 2007 and 2009.

"Once the committee was responsible for recruitment of teachers and staff, but now it is under the government authorities as per the new rule," said Md Nazrul Islam Swapan, president of the school managing committee.

"Following our request, Punja Shikder took the charge of acting headmaster

and Porimal Kumer assistant teacher. For the last two months, Labanya Akter, an HSC passed girl of the village, has also been voluntarily teaching at the school," he said.

"My daughter Saima Islam Bithi reads in Class V and her roll No is 1. My son Sraban Ahmed reads in Class 1. I am worried about their education as there are many problems including crisis of

teachers," Abul Bashar, a local resident, said during this correspondent's visit to the school on September 20.

Class V students Jiban Nahar Lipi and Mim Akter said they get only two or three classes a day as there are no regular teachers for long.

Established in 1975, the school was registered in 1978.

There are only four tinshed rooms and classes are held in two shifts to manage accommodation.

Besides want of teachers, the school is beset with many problems including shortage of chairs, tables and benches, lack of electricity and toilet, said Md Mokbul Hossain, vice president of the school managing committee and member of ward No 6 of Balla union parishad.

In 2010, the Upazila Education Office allocated Tk 30,000 for maintenance works of the school but the school authority is yet to receive the amount.

Contacted, District Primary Education Officer Shahin Ara Begum said, "I am aware of the problems of the school, especially crisis of teachers. But we cannot solve it as the government is directly in charge of teachers' recruitment."

Earlier on May 20 this year, The Daily Star on its front page published a story titled 'One staff school', describing the pitiable condition of Kazikola Non-government Primary School in Manikganj Sadar upazila, where acting headmaster Shamima Khatun does all the works including conducting of classes to keep the school running.



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These playful kids, attending Dadrokh Registered Non-government Primary School, are deprived of regular classes as authorities failed to fill up the vacant posts of teachers and staff during the last several years.

## SUPPLEMENTARY CHARGE SHEET IN KIBRIA KILLING CASE

# Hearing on naraji petition to take place on Oct 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday fixed October 25 for hearing on the naraji (objection) petition filed against the supplementary charge sheet in former finance minister SAMS Kibria killing case.

Judge Dilip Kumar Debnath set the date following a petition submitted to the court by Special Public Prosecutor Ashok Kumar Kar, seeking extension of time.

Lawyer Alamgir Bhuiyan Babul filed the 'naraji' petition on behalf of Asma Kibria, wife of the slain former finance minister, terminating the supplementary charge sheet incomplete and flawed.

charge sheet, the CID had dropped the names of the main accused and the masterminds behind the killing, Asma alleged in the petition and demanded fresh probe into the incident.

The SPP told this correspondent yesterday that CID submitted the supplementary charge sheet to Habiganj Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on 20 June this year, accusing 14 people.

The charge-sheeted accused are former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar, Indian national Md Abdul Aziz Butt alias Abdul Mazed Butt, Mufti Mainuddin Sheikh alias Abu Zandal, Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, his brother Muhibullah alias Muhibur Rahman alias Ovi,



Sharif Shahedul Alam Bipul, Hafez Syed Nayeem Ahmed Arif, Md Badrul Alam Mizan, Mizanur Rahman alias Mithu Maulana Taj Uddin, Mufti Shafiqur Rahman, Mufti Abdul Hai, Mohammad Ali and Mohammad Badrul alias Badrul.

Mohammad Badrul alias Badrul--are still at large.

Former Finance minister SAMS Kibria, his nephew advocate Shah Manjurul Huda, local AL leaders Abdur Rahim, Abul Hossain and Siddique Ali were killed in a grenade attack on a public meeting at Baiderbazar under Habiganj Sadar upazila on the night of January 27 in 2005.

The then senior ASP of CID Munshi Atiqur Rahman (now in jail in Ctg arms haul case) filed charge sheet in the case on March 20 in 2005 against 10 accused who were found innocent in the further investigation conducted by another senior ASP Md Rafiqul Islam.

## Man, son jailed for murder

UNB, Jhalakathi

A court here Monday sentenced a man to life term imprisonment and his father to jail for five years for killing a man in 2002 while committing robbery.

The convicts are Nasir Hawlader, 35, and his father Delwar Hossain, 50.

The court also fined Nasir Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer six months more RI and fined Delwar Tk 1000, in default, to suffer one month more RI.

According to prosecution, a gang of robbers killed Monoj Kumar Das after looting valuables from his house at Paschim Cechri village in Kanchalia upazila on June 2, 2002.

After examining the records and witnesses judge of additional sessions judge court Siddiqui Arefin Chowdhury handed down punishment to the two accused.

## FIFTH DAY OF AGITATION

# Enclave people refrain from lighting stoves

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

People of Indian enclaves inside Panchagarh district yesterday observed 'No Stove Lighting' programme on the fifth day of their 10-day agitation demanding early implementation of the enclave exchange deal between Bangladesh and India.

"People of around 4,000 households of Indian enclaves inside Panchagarh district took only dry foods like chira and muri as they refrained from burning stoves today. They are spontaneously observing the programme to realise their demand," said India-Bangladesh Enclave Exchange Coordination Committee leader Sirazul Islam, also chairman of Shalbari Enclave.

Earlier on Monday evening enclave people observed three-hour-long 'Nishprodi Raat Japon' (spending night without lighting lamps) programme.

People of all the 162 enclaves inside

Bangladesh and India are simultaneously observing a 10-day (September 23--October 2) agitation programme to press home the same demand, said leaders of India-Bangladesh Enclave Exchange Coordination Committee.

Demanding a specific time frame for early implementation of the enclave exchange deal in line with Bangladesh-India land boundary agreement of 1974, popularly known as Mujib Indira Pact, they said the movement will continue until realisation of their demand.

In absence of basic citizens' rights, the enclave people live in awful conditions amid lack of adequate employment opportunity, infrastructure, educational institutions, electricity and medical facilities, they said.

One hundred and eleven Indian enclaves inside Bangladesh are situated in Panchagarh, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram and Nilphamari districts while all the 51 Bangladeshi enclaves are in Indian Cooch Behar district.



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People of Putimari enclave in Boda upazila of Panchagarh district take loaf, muri, chira and banana as their major meal yesterday when the enclave people refrained from cooking during the observance of 'No oven lighting' programme on the fifth day of their 10-day agitation.

## Ishwardi headmaster acquitted as witnesses finally retract

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Pabna court on Monday acquitted the headmaster of Basherbanda Bohumukhi High School in Ishwardi upazila of charge of sexual harassment to a girl student of the school.

Additional District Magistrate Md Rezaul Karim acquitted headmaster Shamsul Islam as the charge against him could not be proved.

Receiving a complaint from some teachers of the school, Police caught Shamsul Islam from the school premises on July 10 on charge of sexual harassment to a class seven student inside the classroom at around 10:30am on the day.

They produced the headmaster, the girl and three teachers of the school in a mobile court led by Ishwardi Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Zakir Hossain in the afternoon.

The girl described the sexual harassment to the court while the teachers gave their statements as witnesses to the incident. On the basis of their statements, the mobile court sentenced the headmaster to four

months' imprisonment.

Challenging the action of the mobile court, Shamsul Islam appealed to the Additional District Magistrate's Court that granted him bail on July 15. As the witnesses retracted their statements during the final hearing of the case on Monday, the court acquitted the headmaster of sexual harassment charge.

On July 11, locals and present and former students of the school staged demonstration and forced closure of the school activities protesting harassment of the innocent headmaster.

The school managing committee suspended five teachers, including the assistant headmaster of the school, on July 15 on charge of conspiring against the headmaster.

Contacted, Md Bashir Ahmed Bakul, chairman of the managing committee, said investigation against the suspended teachers is going on. "Next steps against the teachers will be taken as per report of the investigation committee," he added.



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- ১। রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষের ঝিলমিল আবাসিক প্রকল্পে কম-বেশী ১২০০টি প্লট বরাদ্দের জন্য আগ্রহী বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকগণের নিকট হইতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা হয়েছে।
- ২। রাজউক ভবনস্থ সোনালী/জনতা/অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এবং রমনা কর্পোরেট শাখা, মহাখালী ও উত্তরায় অবস্থিত জনতা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর শাখা হইতে গত ০১/০৬/২০১১খ্রিঃ তারিখ হতে আবেদনপত্রের ফরম ও প্রসপেক্টাস বিতরণ করা হচ্ছে। জনসাধারণ বিশেষ করে বিদেশে বসবাসরত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকগণের অনুরোধে আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের শেষ সময় ১৫ (পনের) দিন বৃদ্ধি করে ১০/১০/২০১১খ্রিঃ নির্ধারণ করা হয়েছে।
- ৩। যে ব্যাংক হতে আবেদন ফরম সংগ্রহ করা হবে সেই ব্যাংকেই জামানতের অর্থসহ আবেদন ফরম জমা দেয়া যাবে। আরও বিস্তারিত তথ্য রাজউকের ওয়েবসাইট ([www.rajukdhaka.gov.bd](http://www.rajukdhaka.gov.bd)) হতে জানা যাবে।
- ৪। আবেদনপত্র দাখিল করার শেষ তারিখ আগামী ১০/১০/২০১১খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত।

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