

Dinajpur old press club building occupied

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

A few local influential people illegally occupied the old Dinajpur Press Club building at Nimtola intersection in the town yesterday noon.

They removed corrugated iron (CI) sheets from the roof of the building and damaged furniture.

Md Golam Nabi Dulal, general secretary of Dinajpur Press Club, filed a general diary (GD) with Sadar Police Station at around 3:00pm.

In the GD, the press club secretary alleged that Mirza Ashfaq Hossain, APS to the state minister for land, and his men had illegally captured the press club building.

When contacted over cellphone, APS Ashfaq denied the allegation. He said, "Press club secre-

tary Dulal has filed a GD, accusing me of capturing the building as I had earlier filed defamation cases against some local journalists for publishing false and unfounded reports on local and national dailies against me".

Dulal has made a false allegation to take revenge, APS Ashfaq further said.

Dinajpur journalists leased the land from district administration in 1982 and built this tin-shed press club on it. They shifted the club to a new two-storey building at Kalitola in the town in 2002.

The executive committee of Dinajpur Press Club in its meeting recently decided to use the old building as club library.

Md Hasan Shamim Iqbal, officer in Charge of Dinajpur Sadar police station, said lawful action will be taken against the occupiers.



PHOTO: STAR

Criminals damage old Dinajpur Press Club building in an attempt to occupy it illegally yesterday. The press club secretary filed a GD accusing Mirza Ashfaq Hossain, APS to the state minister for land and his men, for the act.

Bahola memorial 40 years after the '71 tragedy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

'Bahola tragedy day' was observed in Biral upazila of the district yesterday.

During the Liberation War in 1971, Pakistan occupation army and their collaborators massacred at least 32 people at Bahola.

Construction of a memorial is now in progress at the tragedy site after 40 years of the independence.

"We hope that by next year the memorial will be complete and it will be a great honour for the deceased," said Syed Mokaddes Hossain Bablu, commander of Dinajpur Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

Like every year, people of Biral upazila will observe the day by holding different programmes including discussion, offering prayers at mosques and temples.

According to the eyewitnesses and family members, at least 32 people were brutally killed by Pakistani troops at Bahola with the help of their Bangladeshi collaborators on the day.

Later, the bodies were dumped in a ditch in the village, they said.

Local elderly people said, the Pakistani troops started to retreat from Bochaganj upazila toward Biral and Dinajpur as the upazila was freed on December 6 after a fierce fighting with Indian troops and freedom fighters.

On December 12 night, the Pakistani troops entered Bahola and asked the villagers to help nab the freedom



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Construction of a memorial on the mass graveyard at Bahola in Dinajpur in progress. At least 32 people were massacred by pak troops at the village in 1971.

fighters of the area as there were two freedom fighter camps at Bahola and Palashbari villages, said villager Rafiqul Islam.

As the villagers declined to provide any information regarding the freedom fighters, the Pakistani troops and their collaborators ordered the villagers to leave the area.

But later the hyenas changed their decision.

During the Fazr prayers on December 13, the Pakistani troops called the male members of the village and gathered them at a field of the village.

They lined up about 40 to 45 people, said Mosarraf Hossain, another villager.

The villagers urged the Pak troops to allow them to offer prayers but the appeal went unheeded. They opened fire on them killing 32 on the spot, he said.

The family members of the victims had been passing their days in pain because of the neglected graveyards, said Md. Rahman Ali, deputy commander of Biral Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

"It may be a little late but finally we have succeeded to build a memorial at the spot", he said.

On December 14, Biral upazila was freed from the clutches of the occupation forces after a fierce fight, he said.

Trader, old man killed in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmonirhat*

A trader was murdered while an elderly man was beaten to death in the district on Sunday night.

A gang of muggers strangled a betel-leaf trader and took away Tk 40 thousand from him at Alur Dighee village of Barobari union in Sadar upazila.

On information, police recovered the body of Joynul Islam, 40, son of Abdur Rahman of the village, from a derelict canal of the union on Monday morning.

Quoting family members, Jomir Uddin, officer in-charge of Lalmonirhat Sadar police station, said the gang attacked Joynul and took away the money while he was returning home from his shop at Barobari Hat at about 11:30pm on Sunday.

In another incident, an elderly man was beaten to death allegedly by his neighbour at Chaparhat village of Kaliganj upazila.

The body of Profullo Chandra, 70, of the village, was sent to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police arrested one Shunyo Chandra Roy, 49, his wife Phulbala Rani Roy, 44, and their daughter Anjoli Rani Roy, 22 of the same village in this connection.

Amiruzzaman, officer in-charge of Kaliganj police station, said some hens of the septuagenarian damaged the potato plants of his neighbour Shunyo Chandra Roy on Sunday noon. Later, an altercation erupted between them and at one stage, Shunyo along with his family members beat up Profullo mercilessly, leaving him dead on the spot at about 7:00 pm.

One killed in Meherpur clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

A man was killed and 20 others were injured in a daylong clash between two groups of villagers at Madnadanga village in Sadar upazila of Meherpur district yesterday.

Severely injured Kuddus, 30, died at Gangni upazila health complex at about 6:30pm.

According to police, the clash ensued after one Habib's motorbike rammed a bicyclist at Gopalpur bazar at about 8:30pm on Monday. People of the bazar confined Habib and demanded compensation.

Hearing the news, relatives of Habib rushed to the spot and freed him.

The incident angered people of Habib's village Madnadanga and they locked in a quarrel with people of Gopalpur bazar at about 9:30am yesterday.

At one stage, both groups attacked each other with lethal weapons at about 12:30pm. They clashed continued for hours leaving 18 people injured.

Moulvibazar lawyers won't move cases of thieves, robbers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Moulvibazar*

Moulvibazar District Bar Association has decided not to move any case in favour of thieves, robbers and other criminals for at least a month.

"This decision was taken in a meeting of the district Bar at its conference room on Monday. After observing the situation for a month, we will meet for next decision," said advocate Mujibur Rahman Mujib, president of Moulvibazar Bar Association.

Executive committee members of the Bar Association discussed the law and order situation, especially recent robbery incidents in a few houses including those of advocates Chand Murari Singha and advocate Basudeb Bhattacharjya.

Stab injury of the son of advocate Dudly Derik Prantice by a criminal a few months ago also came up in the discussion.

They expressed concern over increase in theft and robbery incidents in Moulvibazar.

On the night of December 10, a gang entered the rented house of advocate Chand Murari Singha at Girzapara in Moulvibazar town after

cutting a grill. They looted cash Tk 50 thousand and injured the lawyer. He was admitted to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital.

The previous night, miscreants entered the rented house of Moulvibazar Government Women's College teacher Shafiqul Islam in the same area by cutting a window grill and looted 10 tolas of gold ornaments, cash of around Tk 8,000 and three mobile sets.

On November 25 night, criminals attacked the house of advocate Basudeb Bhattacharjya at Bashtola on the outskirts of Moulvibazar town. Locals, however, resisted the criminals and beat one to death.

The same night, robbers broke into the house of late advocate Abdul Khaliq. Hearing hue and cry, local people rushed to the spot and robbers fled the scene.

Asked whether the decision not to move any case of those accused in cases for theft, robbery and terrorism is justified when every accused person has the right of self defence, the district Bar association president said, "Thieves, robbers and criminals are harmful for the society and so, we will not move their cases."

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Passenger shade demolished

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Thakurgaon*

A passenger shade alongside Boda-Debigonj road in Shakowa Bus Stand area under Boda upazila of Panchagarh district was demolished allegedly by a local influential man, ignoring people's plea. Locals said Md Bulbul alias Bulbul Master of the area, bulldozed the shade claiming ownership of the land to build a market. Earlier, locals submitted a petition to Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Zohirul Islam in this regard on Saturday but to no effect. However, denying receiving the written complaint, the UNO said he was informed about the matter orally and referred it to secretary of Panchagarh Zila Parishad as it was the proper authority. Contacted, Secretary of the zila parishad Mahub Ul Alam said their engineers visited the spot and were preparing to file a case. The shade was built in 1985.

Criminals stab schoolteacher

UNB, *Jessore*

Criminals stabbed a schoolteacher in Shankarpur area of the district town on Monday night. The Injured, Paritosh Chandra Roy, headmaster of Sarapur Primary School, was admitted to Jessore General Hospital. Police quoted locals as saying that a gang of three, riding a motorcycle attacked Paritosh, leaving him seriously injured.

Three houses gutted

UNB, *Sunamganj*

Three thatched houses were gutted in a fire at Gazinagar village in Dakkhin Sunamganj upazila on Monday. Locals said the flame originated from a house in the afternoon and soon engulfed two other adjacent houses. Being informed, a fire fighting unit from Sunamganj Fire Station rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after an hour of frantic efforts. The affected house owners claimed the fire damaged the valuables worth about Tk 2 lakh.

Man commits 'suicide'

UNB, *Pabna*

A man allegedly committed suicide over a family dispute at Mendah Shahpara village in Bhangura pabila on Monday. The deceased is Soheli Rana, 27, son of late Hasem Ali Salam of the village. Family sources said Rana took poison following the feud and fainted. He was rushed to a local hospital where the doctors declared him dead.



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Upazila chairmen, vice-chairmen and officials of Sylhet, Sunamganj and other adjoining districts of the division staged a human chain at court point in Sylhet city yesterday afternoon protesting the Tipai project in the Indian state of Manipur.

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Admission Test Notice MBA 47th Batch (Session 2011- 2012)

MBA Admission Test (2011-12) of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka will be held on Friday, December 30, 2011 at 10 am.

Eligibility

All applicants must have at least a Bachelor Degree in any field of study. The minimum qualifying point is seven (07) for all applicants. The point determination is laid out in the tables below:

SSC, HSC or Equivalents

SSC GPA/Div	HSC GPA/Div	O-Level GPA*	A-Level GPA*	Qualifying Points
>= 4.0/1st	>= 4.0/1st	>= 3.0	>= 2.5	3
>= 3.0/2nd	>= 3.0/2nd	>= 2.5	>= 2.0	2
>= 1.0/3rd	>= 1.0/3rd	>= 1.0	>= 1.0	1

Applicants, who have taken O-Level examination, must have passed at least five (05) subjects (including mathematics) with a minimum of grade D in each of these subjects.

Applicants, who have taken the A-Level examination, must have passed at least two (02) subjects with a minimum of grade D in each of these subjects.

Letter grades of O-Level and A-Level subjects are converted into grade points on the basis of A=4, B=3, C=2 and D=1. Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by averaging the grade points of the five best grades for O-level and the two best grades for A-Level.

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Certificate / Degree	Class / Division		
	1st	2nd	3rd
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Bachelor Degree (Hons.), Bachelor of Engineering, Medicine, or Agriculture	5	4	2
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Points	5	4	2

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Selection Procedure

All Bangladeshi applicants must take the Admission Test. Foreign applicants with a minimum percentile of 50 in GMAT may be exempted from the Written Test. However, they will be required to appear for an interview. The test has two components: Written Assessment and Interview. The written assessment component evaluates applicant's aptitude in: Language, Mathematics and Analytical ability. To qualify in the written test, an applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in each of the above areas. For the interview, applicants will be selected on the basis of their performance in the written assessment.

Application Procedure

The application is to be made online by Friday, December 23, 2011. For detailed application procedure, visit the website at www.iba-du.edu or http://iba.teletalk.com.bd. Application fee is Tk 650/- (including service charge).

For further information, contact the MBA Program Office (Room # 218, 1st floor, IBA) or call 9663771, 01764119001 and 01764119002 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm any day except Fridays.

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State Minister for the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs Capt ABM Tajul Islam inaugurates a 15-day-long victory fair on Manikganj Government High School ground yesterday, marking Manikganj liberation day.

Bijoy Mela starts in Manikganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Manikganj*

A 15-day-long Bijoy Mela (victory fair) began at the Manikganj Government Boys' playground, locally known as Bijoy Melar Math, yesterday afternoon.

State minister Captain (retired) ABM Tajul Islam, also a veteran freedom fighter, formally inaugurated the victory fair at 4:00pm as chief guest.

Gazi Kamrul Huda Selim, chairman of the Muktiyuddher Bijoy Mela Udjapon Parishad-2011 and general secretary of Manikganj district unit of Bangladesh Awami League

presided over the inaugural function.

Local lawmakers ABM Anwarul Haque, Momtaz Begum, lawmaker from Rajshahi-6 constituency Shahriar Alam, Manikganj Municipality mayor Md. Ramzan Ali, chairmen of former committee of Muktiyuddher Bijoy Mela Mofizul Islam Khan Kamal, local elites Tobarak Hossain Ludu, Golam Mohiuddin, Iqbal Hossain Khan, Jamilur Rashid Khan, Afzal Hossain Khan Joki, Azaharul Islam Arzu, Mizanur Rahman Hazrat and member secretary of Muktiyuddher Bijoy Mela Udjapon Parishad-2011 Azad Hossain Khan

were present.

'Muktiyuddher Bijoy Mela' takes place every year on December-13 on the occasion of 'Manikganj liberation day'.

Photo exhibition on the Liberation War, discussions, cultural functions and sports competition are some of the features of the fair.

At least 300 stalls have been set up at the fair venue. Circus, puppet show are the most attractive items of the fair.

Thousands of people gathered on the inaugural day of the fair which will remain open from 6:00am to 12:00 midnight every day till December 28.