

Teacher attacked for protesting stalking of girls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Local Jabo League activists allegedly assaulted a school-teacher for protesting stalking of schoolgirls in Dhanut upazila in Bogra district.

The victim, Md Mozaffor Rahman, confirmed the incident saying that he requested them not to taunt the girls at a cultural function at Alangi High School premises on Monday evening.

The local Awami League (AL) arranged the function to celebrate the nation's Victory Day.

Mozaffor, who also claimed to be AL's secretary of Alangi union unit, lodged a case with Dhanut Police Station against five Jabo League activists including Abdul Mannan, Ashish and Shahidul.

Confirming the complaint, Officer-in-Charge of Dhanut Police Station Tazammal Haque told this correspondent that the activists attacked Mozaffor with bamboo sticks.

According to the complaint, the activists took seats, close to the seats for women, in front of the stage at the function and disturbed the girls by using slang words.

Following an altercation at the function, the activists attacked the school teacher in front of a tea stall after the programme.

Despite being called several times over cell phone, the alleged assailants could not be contacted.

Police said necessary action will be taken immediately.



Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad Central Command Council brings out a procession from Shikha Chirantan in the city's Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday demanding speedy trial of war criminals.

PHOTO: STAR

Road accidents kill 16

METRO DESK

Sixteen people were killed and 18 others injured in separate road accidents in Netrakona, Narail, Magura, Kishoreganj, Chapainawabganj, Brahmanbaria, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Panchagarh in last two days.

Our Netrakona correspondent reports: One man was killed on the spot and five others were injured when a tempo fell into a roadside ditch after a truck hit the tempo on the Mohonganj-Gaglajur road at Nawgaw in Mohonganj upazila on Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Fazlur Rahman Ratan, 60, of village Haga of Mohonganj upazila. The injured were admitted to Mohonganj upazila Health Complex.

Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee.

Our Narail correspondent says: A seven-year old child was killed on the spot when a speedy easy bike hit him while he was trying to cross the Lohagara-Mohajon road at Digholia Bazar of Lohagara upazila on Tuesday.

The deceased was Emon Munshi, 7, son of Imran Munshi, from Dhaka. Two days ago he came to his grandfather's house.

Our Magura correspondent adds: A leader of Magura district unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was killed when he lost control over his motorcycle and

fell down on the Magura-Jessore highway on Tuesday night.

The deceased was Rabiu Islam 23, son of Rafizul Islam, of Parnaduali village of Magura municipality area and the library affairs secretary of Magura district unit BCL.

Our Kishoreganj correspondent says: One unidentified man aged around, 50, was killed when a truck hit him in Uttar Austagar area of Katiadi upazila yesterday.

The man died in Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital.

Hospital sources said a passer-by Saiful Islam, son of Falu Mia of Uttar Austagar area village in Katiadi, took the injured man to the hospital from the spot.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent adds: A woman was killed and her husband motorcycle rider injured when a truck hit the motorcycle on the Chapainawabganj-Sonamsjid Land Port highway at Pankhakipara of Shibganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Rani Khatun, 42, wife of Abdur Razzak, of Hazarbighi village of Shibganj upazila and injured was Rani's husband Abdur Razzak. He was admitted to Shibganj Health Complex.

Police sent the body to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy and seized the truck but its driver managed to flee the scene.

Our Brahmanbaria correspon-

dent says: A woman was killed and her husband injured when a truck knocked their motorbike from behind on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Bertoal village of Sarail upazila on Tuesday night.

The deceased was Hena Akter, 25, wife of Md Mukul.

Mukul was admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

BSS from Meherpur adds: Five people were killed and nine others injured when a truck loaded with onion lost control and fell into the roadside Kazla river at Terail village of Gangni upazila on Tuesday night.

The deceased were Shariful, 25, Nagraj, 22, Shaban 23, Tofazzal, 26, and Haran 30. All of them are onion traders of Ragunathpur village of Meherpur Sadar upazila.

Fire Service men, Police and Rab with the help of local people recovered the bodies of the victims and rescued the injured persons.

The injured were admitted to Gangni Thana Health Complex and Meherpur General Hospital.

UNB from Chuadanga says: Two people were killed on the spot when a bus rammed a human hauler on the Chuadanga-Kaligan road at Joramail in Jibonnagar upazila yesterday.

The deceased were Monirul Islam, 27, son of Alauddin of Banka village and Aminur Rahman, 30, son of Jummat Ali of

Narayanpur village in the upazila. Both of them are sales men of Pran Company.

UNB from Panchagarh adds: Three people, including a bank manager, were killed and two others injured in separate road accidents in the district on Tuesday.

Police said a bank manager was killed when a speedy pickup van ran him over in Mithapukur area of the town while he was crossing the road.

The deceased was identified as local Agrani Bank manager Safiur Rahman, 50. He was the resident of the Mithapukur area.

In another incident a retired policeman was killed and another two were injured in a head-on-collision between two motorcycles at Jagadal Thutapukhuri on the Panchagarh-Tentulia highway.

The deceased was identified as Lutfar Rahman, 50, of Gitalgaj village in Tentulia upazila.

Of the injured, Manir, 25, was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital while Akash, 25, was sent to Adhunik Sadar Hospital.

Meanwhile, a minor girl Ripu, 5, of Bhajanpur village in Tentulia upazila was killed as a tank lorry ran her over in Patharaj area. She met the accident while she and her mother were crossing the road.

Protesting the accident agitated local people barricaded the highway disrupting traffic movement for three hours.

Worker dies as bus rams workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An engineering workshop worker was killed and five pedestrians were injured when a bus ploughed through a roadside workshop after the driver of the bus lost his control over the steering at Sutrapur in the city yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Sajjad Hossain, 20.

The locals rushed him to Joypurhat Modern Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries later that night.

On December 10, Amena Begum, 24, studying political science at honours level at Joypurhat Government College, died in the same manner at the station.

Amena is the daughter of Ahmedul Haque of Gobarchapa village under Badalgachhi upazila of Naogaon district.

Stationmaster Md Abdul Halim said they have to take emergency initiatives to stop people from using cellphones while crossing the tracks.

Second train-hit death in 10 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Just 10 days into a similar tragedy, a man died in Joypurhat Railway Station on Tuesday as he failed to notice a train coming from behind as he was crossing the tracks while talking on a cellphone.

The victim Faridul Islam Farid, 37, son of Mamatazur Rahman of Palikoda village of Joypurhat sadar upazila, sustained severe head injury when the train hit him before Sweeper Colony around 2:00pm, said witnesses.

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Nationalisation of pry teachers' jobs demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Non-Government Primary Teachers' Oikya Parishad will stage a sit-in at capital's Central Shaheed Minar today to press home their demand to nationalise jobs of non-governmental primary school teachers.

Leaders of the parishad, a platform comprising of four organisations of non-governmental primary teachers, yesterday held a rally at the Shaheed Minar and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Around 100 teachers from different districts joined the rally where speakers said despite assurances, no government has met their demand.

The government announced nationalisation of their jobs in its election manifesto but did not implement it so far, they said.

The police, however, intercepted their procession at Shahbagh intersection. Later, a four-member delegation submitted the memorandum to the PMO.

At Shahbagh, the parishad President Mohammad Shamsul Alam said, "We will continue our movement until the government meets our demand."

"We will observe a sit-in tomorrow [today] to press home our demand," he added.

Meanwhile, teachers deprived of government's Monthly Payment Order (PMO) staged a sit-in yesterday in front of Jatiya Press Club demanding the prime minister's interference to incorporate them into government payroll.

The government enlisted teachers and employees of 1,662 educational institutes for MPO but 1,441 more teachers of different subjects, who have been teaching for long, are deprived of the facility.

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Passengers stranded at Gabtoli Bus Terminal in the city yesterday as dense fog disrupted ferry movement at Aricha Ghat, causing delay in the arrival of buses.

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Boy shot in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenage boy was shot by miscreants in the city's Sayedabad last night.

Imran Hossain, 16, a resident of Koratitola in Gandaira was under going treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Imran received bullets in his waist and hip, said the hospital sources.

Officer-in-Charge of Jatrabari Police Station AKM Abul Kashem said Imran is an alleged cohort of notorious criminals Dacoit Shahid.

He might have been shot by other cohorts of Dacoit Shahid following internal feud, he said.

CLIMATE IMPACTS Regional network urged

UNB, Dhaka

Speakers at a meeting called for acceleration of movement at community, state and international levels to combat the adverse climate change effects.

The meeting, "Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation" was organised by Concern Universal-Bangladesh and 67 NGOs at Setara Convention Hall in the city's Mirpur on Tuesday.

Privatisation Commission Chairman Dr

Mirza Abdul Jalil, DU Prof Dr M Shahidul Islam, Convener of State IAG of Paschimbanga Father Reggie Fernandes, JCYCN President in Nepal Tilitottam Paudel, journalist Kapil Dev Kafle, Chief of education unit of Concern Universal Bangladesh Abdul Hamid and Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies Executive Director Dr Atik Rahman addressed the meeting.

They stressed on bold initiatives and a strong network in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, China and Bhutan to combat the adverse climate change effects.

BSF returns body of Bangladeshi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday returned the body of a Bangladeshi youth who was shot dead by a group of Indian Khasias three days ago.

Commander of Dibir Haor camp of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in Jaintapur upazila Nayeb Subedar Forkan informed that BSF handed over the body at 5:30pm to BGB men in presence of police.

The Indian Khasias took Badsha Miah, 28, of Dibir Haor village in the upazila, to India and shot him dead near "no-man's-land" on Sunday.

On information, the Dibir Haor camp commander protested the incident and held a meeting with BSF at Dibir Haor border on Sunday.

There had been a long-standing dispute over the land and water body near the border with the Indian Khasias.