

SEC 144 AS FACTIONAL FEUD DEEPENS FURTHER

25 more members of new Pabna BNP body resign

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

With resignation of 25 more members from their posts in the newly formed committee, internal feud in Pabna BNP has further deepened.

So we have decided to quit the posts," he told the conference.

Join Secretary Saiful Islam Badsha, Assistant Organising Secretary Sheikh Shamsul Islam, and executive committee member Johurul Islam Bishu are among the 25 who resigned from the new committee.

Sirajul Islam Sardar alleged that Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas, personal assistant to BNP chairperson, had influenced

the central committee to approve the new committee formed by his supporters.

Rejecting the new committee, the former district unit president urged the central BNP to form a new one with the dedicated leaders and workers.

On Thursday, five members of the newly formed committee resigned from their posts. They are Md Sabir Hossain Bachchu, joint secretary, Mahfuzur Rahman Chowdhury, co-operative secretary, Rafiqul

Islam Rafique, assistant publicity secretary, Moni Talukder and Habibur Rahman Nannu, members of the body.

Meanwhile, Pabna district administration yesterday imposed Section 144, banning rallies and processions in the town from 6:00am to 10:00pm today as two factions of the BNP district unit announced to hold separate rallies and processions in line with the central committee programme.



PHOTO: STAR

Authorities of Jamuna Oil Depot on Wednesday felled down 40 trees on the Kirtankhola River in Barisal to construct an oil storage tank, ignoring environment activists' urge to save the trees that had been planted for riverbank protection.

Tree felling in Barisal triggers protests

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A state owned oil company on Wednesday felled at least 40 trees to construct a huge storage tank at its local depot on the bank of Kirtankhola River, triggering protests by environment activists.

The trees were planted on 4.75 acres of land for social forestation and riverbank protection.

Government allotted the land on the riverbank 20 years ago for the depot terming the area as 'restricted' to general public. It now has two oil storage tanks with total capacity of 35 lakh litres, said an official.

The authorities recently decided to build a huge reserve tank with a capacity of 85.2 lakh litres as the daily demand went up in the area. Considering the issue, they chopped down the trees, said depot manager of Jamuna Oil Company Sayed Hasan.

He claimed that the trees were felled down after taking verbal permission from forest department as those had no log value. Besides, the trees adjacent to the oil tanks

could cause fire accidents any time, he added. Terming the activities illegal, Barisal divisional forest officer Sayedur Rahman said, no verbal or written permission was taken from them in this regard.

Meanwhile, environment activists protested the move of the oil company and said installing such an oil tank on the riverbank will endanger environment.

They also said any accident in the depot will not only destroy huge properties and lives, but also the spilling of huge quantity of oil into riverwater will permanently damage aqua-life and biodiversity in the area.

"As the area was restricted, we could not prevent the oil company from felling down the trees except for lodging our verbal protest over phone", said environmentalist M Shahzada, executive director of Prantajon.

Kafiluddin, deputy director at the department of environment (DoE) in the divisional office, said felling trees and constructing oil storage tank on the river bank without permission of DoE is illegal.

Mill shut for want of sugarcane

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Natore Sugar Mills suspended its operation Thursday night for want of sugarcane, according to the officials concerned.

The mill started operation on November 11 last year to produce 12,750 tonnes of sugar by crushing 170,000 tonnes of sugarcane during its 120-day operational period.

But it produced 7,300 tonnes of sugar by crushing 109,000 tonnes of sugarcane in the last 76 days (November 11 to January 26), the officials said.

ABM Arshad Hossain, managing director (MD) of Natore Sugar Mills, said supply of sugarcane was not enough to keep the mill functional for the rest 44 days. So, the authorities suspended operation in the face of inadequate supply of sugarcane, he added.

Another official said sugarcane production in the district is on the decline as growers do not get due price of their produce. They are switching to other crops or now more interested in producing molasses, the official added.

The sugar mill will face around Tk12 crore loss for unscheduled suspension of sugarcane crushing, mill sources said.

The mill also incurred a loss of Tk37 crore in the last two years, they said.

However, the growers hold the mill authorities responsible for the supply shortage. They alleged that the authorities unnecessarily harass growers at the mill gate and make delay in payment to discourage supply of sugarcane.



PHOTO: STAR

Law enforcers produce 25 people, arrested on Friday night for their suspected involvement in 'anti-state' activities, before a Kishoreganj court, right, books on jihad and leaflets seized from their possession.

25 suspected militants arrested Books on jihad, leaflets, CDs seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Police arrested 25 suspected activists of a militant outfit along with books on jihad, leaflets and compact disks (CDs) in the town Friday night.

Police said, the arrestees claimed that they are members of 'Islami Samaj'.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Sadar police raided the rented house of one Rafiqul Islam on Hoibat Nagar Fishery Road around 8:30pm and

arrested him along with 24 others as they were holding a 'secret meeting'.

A huge number of books on jihad (uprising), leaflets of their organisation, invitation cards and CDs were recovered from the house.

Mir Musharraf Hossain, officer in-charge (OC) of Kishoreganj Sadar police station, said police arrested them on suspicion of being engaged in anti-state activities. All of them were shown arrested

under Section 54 and produced before a court yesterday, the OC said.

Sheikh Abdullah, sub-inspector of the police station, lodged a general diary against them.

Rafiqul Islam hailed from Kachuduari village in Netrakona Sadar upazila. He rented the house of one Mahmuda Begum on Fishery Road two years back from where he was continuing activities of the outfit, police said, quoting Rafiqul. A case was filed with Sadar PS.

LOVE AFFAIR

Two commit 'suicide' together

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Two college students allegedly committed suicide together at Tagur Malitha village in Shaikupa upazila early yesterday as the family members rejected their love affair.

The deceased were identified as Washim Kumar Biswas, 22, son of Nirvir Kumar Biswas of Protap Nagar village, and Purnima Mondol, 18, daughter of Biren Mondol of Tagur Malitha village in the upazila.

Washim is an honours first year student of Magura Government College while Purnima a HSC first year student at Langolbandh Degree College in the upazila.

Ahsan Habib, officer in-charge of Shaikupa police station, said there had been a love affair between the young man and the girl for long, but Purnima's family turned down the relationship.

Shocked at this, they allegedly hanged themselves from a mango tree beside Purnima's house at midnight. On information, police recovered the bodies from the spot and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC added.

6 injured as ruling party cadres attack BNP men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Six people were injured as the activists of Awami League and Jubo League attacked BNP men at Chandanimahal under Digholia upazila yesterday noon.

The BNP supporters were attacked allegedly for working in favour of Abdur Rafique Mallick in the by-election to Senhati union parishad in the upazila.

OC of Digholia PS said, a police team rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Earlier on Thursday night and Friday, 12 others were injured in post-poll violence in Senhati union.

The violence erupted soon after poll results to the vacant post of Senhati UP chairman were announced at 9pm on Thursday, declaring Awami League candidate Farhana Halim elected.

The seat had fallen vacant following murder of her husband Gazi Abdul Halim, Senhati chairman and AL leader.

Farhana Halim defeated her nearest rival of BNP Abdur Rafique Mallick by a margin of only 223 votes.

The 12 injured in the post-poll violence on Thursday night and Friday include a student -- Monir Hussain of Daulatpur Govt. B.L. University College.

According to witnesses and police, cadres of Awami League and Jubo League started vandalising houses of BNP, Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal leaders soon after the results of the by-election were announced.

The ruling party backed hoodlums also vandalised and looted many roadside shops on Friday noon while celebrating victory of Farhana Halim, witnesses and police further said.

Contacted, Farhana Halim told this correspondent yesterday that she had requested police and Rapid Action Battalion-6 to deal with this unwanted situation ruthlessly to maintain law and order in the upazila as she does not support violence in the name of celebrating her victory.

Kuet imposes ban on politics on campus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (Kuet) authorities have imposed ban on political activities on the campus by students and teachers.

Besides, teachers, officials and employees of the university have also been asked to strictly abide by service rules as directed under Section 44(5) of the Kuet constitution of 2003, said a notice issued by registrar Md. Abdur Rouf on Wednesday.

Contacted, Abdur Rouf told this correspondent yesterday that ban on processions, meetings, putting banners, pasting of posters and holding placards both by students and teachers has been imposed to maintain law and order and congenial academic atmosphere on the campus.

Kuet has remained closed since January 2 following violence on campus that left 25 students and teachers injured.

Violence erupted as general students strongly protested serving of low quality food at the annual feast held on the

night of January 1 at Amor Ekushey Hall of the university.

Fund required to hold the annual feast was raised from general students by Kuet unit of Chhatra League.

Leaders and activists of Kuet unit BCL aided by non-students from outside, vandalised the residence of vice chancellor and several rooms of administrative building during the rampage.

On the night of January 2, Chhatra League activist Zohair Ahmed of the university lodged an FIR with Khanjahan Ali police station accusing 36 general students and four leaders of Kuet Teachers' Association of vandalism. Besides, public relations officer Abdur Rahman filed a general diary on January 5 in connection with attacks and vandalism.

Later on January 7, director of students' welfare affairs Dr. Shibendra Shekhar Shikder, assistant provost of Amor Ekushey Hall and associate professor of civil department Sajol Kumar Adhikary resigned from their posts in protest against violence.

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