

SSC exams and tale of two callous mistakes

STAR NATIONAL DESK
A student in Dinajpur could not appear in the on-going Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations due to the 'negligence' of her teacher.

Away in Kurigram, on the first day of the exams on Wednesday, wrong question papers were distributed among 52 SSC candidates at an examination centre, disturbing them mentally.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reported that Farzana Akter, an arts student of Narabari Girls' High School in Biral upazila, could not sit for the examinations despite completing all official procedures.

Farzana said "Mysteriously I did not get my admit card till the day before the examinations although I filled all necessary papers to appear in the tests under Dinajpur Education Board".

"I also informed my headmaster Mamataz Ali". She said she also paid Tk 3,000 to the school authorities for the purpose.

The headmaster said as there was a mistake when Farzana filled up the papers, she could not appear in this year's examinations.

Regarding the money, Mamataz Ali said the authorities charged her Tk 3,000 'by mistake'. Shocked at this, victim's father Abed Ali, a

day labourer, submitted a complaint to Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Golam Rabbai in the afternoon.

Contacted, the UNO said he would take action against the teachers responsible for the negligence.

In Kurigram, a question paper of Bangla first paper of casual examinees in this year's SSC examinations was distributed among 52 regular candidates at Kurigram Government Girls' High School centre, reports our correspondent.

According to the centre, the candidates continued the test with the wrong question paper for 40 minutes. At one stage, when the mistake was detected, the authorities changed the paper and extended the time.

Of the candidates, 17 of Kurigram Collectorate School, nine of Belgachha Barkatia High School and 26 of Kurigram Government High School, attended the test held under Dinajpur Board.

Abdul Khaleque, a guardian, said that the wrong question paper caused mental disturbances to the candidates. The answer scripts should be evaluated with kind consideration, he said.

Centre secretary Rukhsana Pervin said, the wrong question paper was distributed among the examinees due to lack of attention.



Such electric poles just beside Panchagarh-Banglabandha road in Panchagarh town stand in the way of ongoing road expansion work as the Power Development Board has failed to remove and replace the old poles even after getting compensation money for the purpose.

PHOTO: STAR

PDB poles disturb road expansion work

Commuters suffer in Panchagarh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Commuters in Panchagarh town part of Panchagarh-Banglabandha road are facing untold sufferings due to awfully slow pace in the ongoing work for expansion and repair of the road.

The situation has arisen as electric poles beside the road have not been removed and replaced even after Power Development Board (PDB) received compensation money for the purpose.

Tk 1 crore and 73 lakh was paid to PDB as per their demand to remove and replace the electric poles alongside 53.12-kilometre Panchagarh-Banglabandha road in 2009-2010 fiscal year but the work is yet to start, said Abul Kalam Azad, project manager of Road Network Improvement and Maintenance Project-2 under Roads and Highways Department.

On June 24 in 2008, construction firm Moniko Limited received work order for expansion and strengthening of the 53.12-kilometre road involving Tk 131 crore 8 lakh funded by Asian Development Bank and the work was supposed to be complete within June in 2011, office sources said.

But start of the work was delayed due to the complications of land acquisition. Later the time-limit was extended to June 2012.

During a visit to the area a couple of days ago, this correspondent saw the construction firm had started road expansion work on the road from LGED office to Sher-e-Bangla Park in Thakurgaon town but the work got hindered as most of the electric poles were not removed.

Goods-laden trucks frequently plying such an under construction road are vulnerable to damage, said truck driver Badsha Mian. Rickshaw-van puller

Motiar Rahman said the incomplete road adds to his labour.

"The construction work on Panchagarh-Banglabandha road has been obstructed as the electric poles are yet to be removed. If the work does not continue uninterruptedly, it becomes difficult to maintain quality and the firm has to incur loss for delay in the work,"

said Biman Kanti, project manager of Moniko Limited. When contacted, Executive Engineer of Thakurgaon Power Development Board Md Nurul Islam told this correspondent over cell phone, "Selection of the contractor for setting up new electric

lines after removing the old poles was delayed. Finally the contractor has been given work order and the work has started."

Contractor Sadequul Islam, who got the work order three weeks ago, said, "I received the work order but PDB has supplied only around 10% of the essential equipment for the purpose. And so, I cannot start the work in full swing."

Requesting anonymity, a PDB official admitted lack of supply of essential materials for removal and replacement of the old electric poles and said authorities are yet to finalise allocation for electric wires which is essential for replacement of the old electric poles.

Rape of hill woman triggers protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Leaders of Hill Women's Federation (HWF) yesterday demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the culprits who allegedly gang-raped a hill girl in Mogaichhari area under Lakkhichhari upazila on Wednesday.

They held a rally in Shanirbar Bazar area in the town yesterday to register their protest.

The speakers at the rally also demanded necessary treatment of the victim.

They alleged that rape and other forms of sexual abuse against the indigenous girls are taking place frequently in the CHT and the victims rarely get any justice.

They urged the government to take immediate steps to stop the harassment of hill women and ensure their security.

Later, several hundred indigenous women and

schoolgirls headed by the leaders brought out a protest procession from Shanirbar Bazar area and paraded different streets of the district town.

Earlier, a 17-year-old Chakma girl of Tullakarbaripara area under Laxmichhari upazila of the district was gang-raped allegedly by some Bangalee settlers in Mogaichhari area on Wednesday.

The girl was going to her relative's house at Naniyarchar of Rangamati district with one other cousin.

At least seven unidentified Bangalee youths waylaid them at Mogaichhari and took the girl to a nearby bush and violated her, the victim told this correspondent at the hospital.

Officer in-charge of Lakkhichhari police station Kamrul Hasan said that the victim's elder brother later filed a case accusing seven Bangalee youths on Wednesday evening.

Man murdered by stepson, youth by elder brothers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A man shot dead his step father for siding with his rivals in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Shafi Molla, 55, was shot by Abdul Kuddus Molla, 25, at Shiloil village around 10:00am following a quarrel with him, Abul Bashar, officer-in-charge of Sadar police station said.

Earlier, a clash took place in the morning when their rival Bepari group went for fishing in a disputed pond and Kuddus Mollah and his people resisted them.

At least 10 people were injured and five houses were vandalised during the clash.

Quoting locals, police said Abdul Kuddus shot his father when he supported Bepari group, leaving him dead on the spot.

Police could not arrest Kuddus as he went into hid-

ing soon after the incident.

FRATRICIDE

In Lalmonirhat, a man was beaten to death by two elder brothers at Vadai village in Aditmari upazila Wednesday morning.

The victim was identified as Rafiqul Islam, 33, son of Shamsul Islam of the village, reports our correspondent.

Quoting local people, OC of Aditmari PS Mahfuzur Rahman said Rafiqul was beaten mercilessly by his brothers Shofiqul Islam and Sobuj Miah and their family members over a piece of disputed land beside the homestead.

Critically injured Rafiqul Islam was rushed to Aditmari upazila health complex and later referred to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital where he died at around 1:30 pm.

The two accused went into hiding soon after the incident.

AL leader killed in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police recovered the body of a local Awami League (AL) leader from a canal in Dangarhat Border area of Patgram upazila yesterday noon.

Nur Hossain, 45, son of late Nur Mohammad of Rosulganj village in the upazila, is convener of ward no 8 of AL Patgram municipality.

Murshidul Karim, officer-in-charge of Patgram police station said criminals might have strangled Hossain and dumped the body in the canal.

One Azinur Rahman, Sohidar Rahman and Nishad Hossain said the AL leader had an Indian bicycle and machin parts business.

He might have been killed by his rivals or Indian Border Security Force (BSF), they added.

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