

# Dinajpur Textile Institute shut after BCL infighting

Five of seven injured hospitalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rival factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Dinajpur Textile Institute unit clashed on the campus yesterday morning, leaving at least seven activists from both sides injured.

A faction of the ruling party-backed student body also vandalised the room of Zahidul Islam, chief instructor of the institute, during the clash.

Immediately after the incident, the authori-

ties of the institute held an emergency meeting with Principal Md Shahjahan Ali in the chair and suspended all academic activities until February 20.

Father of BCL leader Nayan, who leads a faction at the institute, had earlier submitted a petition to the institute's authorities, seeking transfer of his son to Tangail Textile Institute. Responding to his appeal, the authorities sent all necessary papers to Tangail

Textile Institute.

Nayan along with some BCL activists went to the room of Chief Instructor Jahidul Islam yesterday morning and urged the instructor not to proceed further with the transfer issue. As he locked in an altercation with the instructor, the activists of Farhad group sided with the instructor.

At one stage, both factions equipped with sharp weapons attacked each other.

Being informed, police rushed to the campus, dispersed the clashing groups and took control of the campus. They also seized several sharp weapons from the campus.

Hasan Shamim Iqbal, officer in-charge of Dinajpur police station, said police have been deployed on the campus to avert further clash.

Five of the seven injured were admitted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital while the rest given first aid.

## NEWLY BUILT SHAHEED MINAR

# Thakurgaon people eagerly wait for the opening day

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Work is going on round the clock to get the district's newly built Central Shaheed Minar, dedicated to the memory of 1952 Language Movement martyrs, prepared for inauguration on February 20.

Eager to observe this year's Amar Ekushey and International Mother Language Day at the Central Shaheed Minar on Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School ground in the town, people from all walks of life come here to see the progress of work every day.

"I often come to see the progress of work as I am eager to see completion of the Central Shaheed Minar here," Md Abul Hossain, assistant headmaster of Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School, told this

correspondent during his recent visit there.

Cultural personality and educationist Prof Monotosh Kumer De, also chief editor of local daily Lokayan, said, "We hope cultural activity in the district will flourish centring the Shaheed Minar."

The site of the Shaheed Minar is a suitable one as it is in a corner of a vast open ground in the middle of the town, said NGO activist and cultural organiser Nazmin Begum Snigdha.

Deputy Commissioner of Thakurgaon Muhammad Shahiduzzaman took initiative to build the Central Shaheed Minar and organised a meeting at his office in the first week of February last year.

Following the decision of the meeting attended by local elites including leaders of political parties and social

and cultural organisations, educationists, journalists and businessmen, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen on February 21 laid foundation stone of the Shaheed Minar on Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School ground.

Thakurgaon Central Shaheed Minar Nirman Committee is implementing the construction project under the supervision of Local Government Engineering Department.

Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen will inaugurate the Shaheed Minar at Thakurgaon as chief guest of the ceremony on February 20 afternoon, DC Muhammad Shahiduzzaman said.

Language Movement veterans Md Dabirul Islam (posthumous) and Fazlul Karim will be given honour at the function.



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Workers giving finishing touches to the newly built Central Shaheed Minar in Thakurgaon, scheduled to open on February 20 this year.

## TWO INCIDENTS IN GAIBANDHA, PABNA

# Acid victim demands justice, protesters hold human chain

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A victim of acid attack in Gaibandha sought justice while protesters in Pabna formed a human chain demanding punishment to another culprit for similar offence yesterday.

Acid attack victim Rehana Khatun of Protap village in Sadullapur upazila of Gaibandha yesterday demanded exemplary punishment of the culprits who threw acid on her in 2010, reports our correspondent.

At a press conference at Gaibandha Press Club she sought cooperation of the journalist in this regard.

13, 2010 night threw acid on her person through the window. Rehana sustained serious burn injuries in different parts of her body and face.

She filed a case with Acid Crime Prevention Tribunal in Gaibandha. But the culprits released on bail are still threatening the victim and her families with dire consequences if they did not withdraw the case.

In Pabna, a human chain was formed by an women's organisation in front of Pabna Town Hall premises yesterday, protesting acid attack on young housewife Bipasha Khatun, reports our correspondent.

Bipasha, 20, daughter of Shahjalal of Library Bazar area, was going to buy medi-

cine for her mother at about 6:30pm on Wednesday when her husband Monirul Islam aided by his family members and accomplices threw acid on her allegedly for dowry, locals said.

She is now undergoing treatment at Pabna Medical College Hospital.

People from all walks of life joined the human chain protesting the brutal acid attack and demanding punishment of the culprits.

Officer in-charge of Pabna police station Md Enayet Uddin said police have already caught Bipasha's father-in-law Golam Rosul and mother-in-law Asma Begum but her husband Md. Monirul Islam, the main accused, is still at large.

## BNP leader hacked to death in Narsingdi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

A local BNP leader was hacked to death near Meghna Bazaar police camp in Paikarchar union of Sadar upazila on Saturday night.

Family sources told police that Abul Kashem, 55, Paikarchar union BNP joint secretary and also the postmaster of Meghna Bazaar post office did not return home at night after some unidentified men called him out around 9:00pm. His cell phone remained switched off.

In the morning his body was found in a field near the bank of Meghna River.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Sadar hospital for autopsy.

The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately.

A case was filed.

## Thakurgaon BCL leader stabbed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Organising secretary of district unit Chhatra League (BCL) Soheli Rana, 26, was seriously stabbed at Bashirpara in the town on Saturday afternoon.

Witnesses said, Soheli Rana was standing beside a shop at about 4:00pm. All of a sudden, a group of youths numbering 10/12 swooped on him with knives and stabbed him indiscriminately.

Locals rescued him and took him to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital for treatment.

Contacted, president of district unit BCL Fakhrul Islam Jewel told this correspondent on Friday that the group led by Robin had earlier attacked Soheli's nephew Labu for protesting stalking in the area.

Soheli was attacked as a sequel to that incident, he said.

## College girl abducted in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Criminals abducted a college girl at Kazirgaon village in Monirampur upazila on Saturday evening.

The victim was a student of Mukteshwari Degree College.

Sairuddin, officer in-charge of Monirampur police station, said Shahidul Islam of Ziedanga village in Abhoynagar upazila along with his cohorts abducted the girl at gunpoint on her way back home from the college.

## JOURNALISTS EXPLODE INTO PROTEST



PHOTO: STAR

Journalists across the country yesterday protest the brutal murder of Sagar Sarowar, a news editor of private TV channel Maasranga, and his wife Meherun Runi, a senior reporter of ATN Bangla, and demand immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers. Photos show 1) a procession in Manikganj town 2) human chain at station road in Gaibandha town 3) human chain on the premises of Chittagong Press Club 4) human chain in Rajshahi city and 5) programme at Pabna.



## Seminar on special relativity ends

ANWAR ALI WITH AM JAHID, Rajshahi

The two-day international seminar on 'Special Relativity' held at Rajshahi University concluded yesterday with the notion that the theory of relativity propounded by Albert Einstein is not lost, even if the sub-atomic particles called neutrinos travel faster than light.

Dr Mushfiq Ahmad and M Osman Gani Talukder, both former physics teachers of Rajshahi University (RU), yesterday presented two papers, in addition to the eight others submitted by them the previous day, claiming that the new theories given by them resolve the worldwide dilemma over faster than light speed.

Much of modern physics depends on Albert Einstein's century-old theory of special relativity that nothing can exceed the speed of light. But the theory was seriously challenged in September last year when CERN (European Organisation for Nuclear Research) experiment found faster than light speed.

The dilemma has been resolved through adopting a non-Einsteinian approach and completing Einstein's theory of special

relativity, Talukder said, reading out a paper prepared jointly with Ahmed.

"We have classified velocity into two classes -- Galilean and relativistic. Galilean velocity can have any value between 0 and 8 while the relativistic velocity follows Lorentz-Einstein law of addition and cannot exceed the speed of light," he said.

"We consider that the superluminal velocity of neutrino, measured by CERN scientists, is Galilean; and then we developed the transformational relation between Galilean and relativistic velocities.

"Using the relativistic rule for multiplication of velocities, we have demonstrated that the velocity in the relativity factor of special relativity is relativistic. We applied the transformational relation to find the relativistic value of the velocity of neutrino.

"Using this value, we showed that the relativistic mass in special relativity increases by a factor of 2.08 while non-Einsteinian theory of relativity gives the same value 2.08," he said.

The two papers presented yesterday were titled 'Homogeneous Number System and Correspondence between

Infinity and Invariant under Addition' and 'Neutrino Travelling Faster than Light and Einsteinian and Non-Einsteinian Views of Relativity'.

The two Bangladeshi physicists responded to a number of questions from participants during the two-day seminar.

However, their groundbreaking claims are yet to be reviewed by the scientist community.

The university authorities will arrange the publication of the minutes of the two-day seminar in a journal within a week and upload it onto the Internet for review by scientists worldwide, said RU Vice Chancellor Prof M Abdus Sobhan at the concluding session.

Prof Hartmut Baerwolff of University of Applied Sciences, Cologne, Germany, chaired yesterday's session.

On the first day, the two Bangladeshi physicists detailed their groundbreaking claim of giving a complete form to Einstein's theory of special relativity and presented an alternative relativity theory.

Rajshahi University organised the two-day seminar on 'Special Relativity' in association with The Daily Star at RU Senate Bhaban. Private television Channel I was the media partner.

## Delay in road repair adds to tailback near Bangabandhu Bridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Hundreds of vehicles get stuck on Bangabandhu Bridge approach road in Tangail for nearly two hours every day due to delay in completing repair of the road.

Repair work on the six-kilometre-long approach road from Rabna to Elenga began before Eid-ul-Azha. The work was supposed to be done in a month, but Roads and Highways Department (RHD) could not complete the works within the scheduled time, resulting in tailbacks on the two-lane road.

Hundreds of vehicles bound for 22 districts, including 16 northern districts, get stranded on the road regularly, causing untold sufferings to the passengers.

Bablu Miah, driver of a passenger bus, says it takes at least one and a half hours for the tailbacks on the road to clear.

Communications Minister Obaidul Kader visited the road repair works



PHOTO: STAR

Hundreds of vehicles get stuck on Bangabandhu Bridge approach road almost every day due to delay in repair of the busy highway. The photo was taken at Elenga point on Friday.

at Elenga one and a half months ago and directed the RHD officials and the contractor concerned to complete the works by December 31. But the repair works are yet to be finished.

While visiting the road from Rabna to Elenga on Friday, this correspondent saw hundreds

of vehicles got stranded on both sides of the road.

RHD sources said the contractor concerned had to stop work several times due to fund crisis that led to the delay in finishing the repair works within the scheduled time.

Contacted, Shawkat Ali, executive engineer of RHD in Tangail, admitted that

fund crisis caused the delay in completing repair works on 22-kilometre highway, including the six-kilometre approach road.

He, however, said works on the six-kilometre approach road from Rabna to Elenga will be completed within a week.