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A woman of Shindukai village breaks into tears after a rival group damaged her house during a fierce clash over control of a pond in Tanore upazila of Rajshahi yesterday.

30 hurt as rival villagers clash over pond's share

Houses set on fire, shops looted in Tanore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

At least 30 people were injured in a fierce clash between two rival groups of villagers over control of a government pond in Tanore municipality yesterday.

During the four-hour long clash, over 10 houses were set on fire and several shops looted, said police.

Quoting locals, Abul Hashem, officer in-charge of Tanore police station, said residents of Gubirpara village had been enjoying a larger share of the pond, but Shindukai villagers recently claimed its equal share.

Hundreds of people from two villages attacked each other with

lethal weapons, leaving over 30 from both sides injured at around 7:00am when people of Shindukai village set up three water pumps in the pond.

On information, police rushed in and took the situation under control. However, no one was arrested in this connection, the OC added.

Of the injured, Shamsuddin, Abdul Hannan, Shafikul Islam, Sirajul Islam and Khalilur Rahman of Gubirpara and Abdul Bari, Fazlur Rahman and Siddik Ali of Shindukai were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital while the rest were given first aid.

Ward councillor Mominul Islam, who led Gubirpara villagers,

alleged that residents of Shindukai assaulted their women, elders and children.

Abdus Salam, a resident of Shindukai village, accused that Gubirpara villagers torched their houses and looted shops after people fled the area, fearing arrest.

Later, a fire fighting unit from Rajshahi city rushed to the spot and doused the blaze, he said.

The affected house owners include Nur Muhammad, Abdul Gaffar, Ilias Ali, Ershad Shah, Rubel, Abdus Sattar, Saifuddin, Abdus Salam, Abul Hossain and Siddik Ali.

Additional police and Rab personnel have been deployed there to aver further trouble, the OC said.

RANGABALI UPAZILA IN PATUAKHALI AL men resign to protest extortion by Jubo League activists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

At least 58 Awami League (AL) men at newly formed Rangabali upazila in the district resigned yesterday, protesting, what they said, random extortion by local Jubo League men.

Bipul Das, president of AL of ward no 1 of Rangabali union unit, vice-president of the unit Sabuj Mollah, joint secretary Kuddus Mia, publication secretary Babul Mia and other 42 general members of the unit placed their resignation letters before Ahsan Kabir Chan, president of Rangabali upazila ALatnoon.

Those who resigned from the party alleged that most leaders of upazila unit Jubo League, led by Duke Talukder, Babor Talukder and Rasel are extorting people, traders and organisations everywhere in the upazila for the last three years.

On Thursday, the gang went to local water melon farmers in the area and demanded toll.

When Bipul Das, president of AL of ward no 1 of

Rangabali union unit along with some party leaders protested it, the extortionists physically assaulted them.

Instantly the assaulted leaders decided to resign from the party and they placed their resignation letters yesterday, after three days of meeting.

Bipul Das, president of local word AL, said, local people including farmers, fishermen are in grip of the said extortionists for long. They do not respect even the senior members of the party. So, we decided to resign from the party, Bipul added.

Humayun Talukder, president of Rangabali upazila Jubo League refuting the allegations said, we are not involved in any kind of extortions.

"We do not know whether the AL men resigned or not", he said.

Contacted, Ahsan Kabir Chan, president of Rangabali upazila AL, said a number of local AL men submitted their resignations to me yesterday.

"We are going to take a decision on the issue soon", Chan added.

Teacher killed in Rangpur

A CORRESPONDENT, *Rangpur*

Mithapukur police recovered the body of a teacher from a pond of Milonpur union in Mithapukur upazila Sunday morning.

Victim Ekramul Haque, 35, was a computer teacher at Nidhirampur Women's Madrasa.

On Sunday morning, family members of Ekramul found the body floating in a pond near the victim's

house and informed police.

Abdul Hamid, uncle of the deceased and former UP chairman of Milonpur told this correspondent that a few local criminals called him over cell phone on Saturday night.

He went out and did not return home that night.

Family members searched for him in all probable places in the village. Later they found the body floating in the pond in the morning.



PHOTO: STAR

Two hundred and ten maunds of jatka (young hilsa) seized by the coastguard and fisheries officials from three Dhaka-bound passenger launches on the Dhaleshwari River in Munshiganj district yesterday were later buried on the riverbank. The government has imposed a ban on catching jatka to protect the stock of the popular fish but a section of fishermen have continued the callous act despite frequent drives by the law enforcers.

CHT PEACE AGREEMENT

'Almost all vital clauses still not implemented'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangamati*

Ethnic leaders at a regional dialogue on Sunday urged declaring roadmap for full implementation of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord.

Marking three years of its formation, CHT Citizens Committee (CHT-CC) organised the dialogue at the conference room of Rangamati District Sports Association in the town.

Earlier the execution process of CHT peace accord remained stalled during the last BNP-led four-party alliance government, said speakers at the dialogue.

After coming to power, the present Awami League-led grand alliance government did nothing for full execution of the peace treaty although the same party government signed the deal in 1997, they said.

Many indigenous people were killed and many more injured in violence between the ethnic people and Bangalee settlers over land disputes in hills as the peace deal has not been implemented fully, they added.

Slating CHT Affairs Minister Dipanker Talukder for playing 'anti-peace treaty role', they said almost all vital clauses of the deal including land dispute have remained unresolved.

They urged all irrespective of party, race, caste and creed to come forward with posi-

tive mind for the betterment of hill people.

Among others, U Kya Jen, member of the committee, Nirmolendu Tripura, advocate Gyanendu Bikash Chakma, Nirupa Dewan, member of National Human Rights Commission, Kajal Talukder, Chingkiev Roaza, senior vice president of district AL, Nirapad Chakma, and Santoshita Chakma Bakul, president of CHT Jummo Refugee Kalyan Samity, spoke at the dialogue presided over by Goutam Dewan, chairperson of CHT-CC.

Prof Mong Shano Chowdhury presented the key note paper at the function while Josheswar Chakma, secretary of CHTCC, gave the welcome speech.

CHTCC put seven-point demand to the government -- declaration of a specific time frame for execution of the deal, activation of Hill District Council (HDC) acts, bringing amendment into CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission to resolve land disputes, constitutional safeguard of all traditional and customary laws, steps for holding election to HDCs and resuming 34 member body system of interim council in the HDCs for ensuring representation from all indigenous communities, rehabilitation of all jummo refugees in their own land and withdrawal of all makeshift security camps from the hills.

SNIPPETS

Two siblings drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

Two siblings drowned in a canal in Bheramara upazila town yesterday afternoon. The victims are Bayna, 7 and Jibon, 5, children of Abdul Alam of the town. Azam Khan, officer in-charge of Beheramara police station, said the duo accidentally fell into Ganges-Kabodak Canal when they were playing on its bank. Later, locals recovered the bodies at around 2:00pm, the OC added.

Cops closed in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Two police officers were closed on charge of failing to maintain law and order situation in Kaliganj upazila yesterday. The accused are Satkhira police superintendent Habibur Rahman Khan and Syed Farid Uddin, officer in-charge of Kaliganj police station. Additional police superintendent Joydev Chowdhury said hundreds of unknown people torched at least seven houses and looted 10 others of Hindu community on Sunday night, protesting a remark on prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM) in a drama staged by the students of Fatehpur High School on the occasion of Independence Day. Later, the authorities closed the duo as they failed to maintain law and order situation in the area, the ASP added. Earlier, two houses were set on fire, four houses and the school ransacked at Fatehpur village on Saturday over the same issue.

Houses, shop gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Thakurgaon*

Ten houses and a shop were gutted in separate fire incidents at Malotirchhoa village and Khochabari *haat* in Sadar upazila on Sunday afternoon and early yesterday. At least ten houses were gutted in a devastating fire at Malotirchhoa village in Sadar upazila on Sunday. Firefighters and local people said the fire originated from an earthen oven of one Motiur Rahaman's house and soon engulfed the adjacent houses. In another fire incident at Khochabari *haat* at about 6:00am gutted a shop of Obaidur Rahaman. The fire originated from an electric short circuit.

Muggers stab youth

UNB, *Benapole, Jessore*

Armed muggers took away Tk 1.75 lakh from a youth at Arabpur in Jessore town stabbing him grievously Sunday morning. Police said when Liton Hossain, 22, of the area was going to buy rods for constructing house, local criminals Raju, Sajju, Sujon and Rabin waylaid him early in the morning. At one stage, they stabbed him indiscriminately and took away the money. Hearing his shrill cry, locals and family members rushed to the spot and sent him to Jessore Medical College Hospital in critical condition. A case was filed in this connection.



Farmers put into sacks newly harvested potato at a field in Mohonpur upazila of Rajshahi district for sending to a cold storage as the late variety winter vegetable sees good yield in the area this year. The photo was taken a few days ago.

College student, youth murdered in Comilla

UNB, *Comilla*

A college student was stabbed to death while his friend sustained injury in an attack by a gang in front of Government Girls' College in the district town on Saturday night.

The deceased was identified as Arman, 17, son of Hossain Ali of Old Chowdhury Para area in the town.

Police said when Imran, 18, an HSC examinee and son of Abdus Sattar of Bagichagaon area along with his friend Arman went to the girls' college centre to see the seat plan, a gang of local criminals stabbed Arman indiscriminately. The gang also stabbed

Imran as he tried to save Arman, leaving him seriously injured.

They were rushed to the Comilla Medical College Hospital where Arman died.

In another incident, police recovered the body of a young man at frontier North Kaichchuti village in Choudhagram upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Karim, 30, a shop owner and son of late Abdul Halim of the village.

Family sources said some unidentified people called him out of his house Sunday night and he did not return home.

Police said locals found the body of Abdul Karim near a border pillar early in the morning and informed them.



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