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A student of Biral Pilot High School in Biral upazila of Dinajpur delivers extempore speech at the English language fair held at the school, right, two students of Moheshpur Girls' High School in Jhenidah take part in a role play at the fair held at the school auditorium yesterday.

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Students of five more schools in Dinajpur, Jhenidah and Faridpur districts yesterday took part in joyful events at English language fairs held under English in Schools programme, a joint initiative of The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi.

Adcomm Ltd is the creative and event partner of the fairs.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reported that over 250 students of Biral Pilot High School in Biral upazila of the district joined the English language fair held at the school auditorium in the afternoon. Monjurul Hasan, headmaster of the school, inaugurated the fair at around 2:00pm. After watching The Lion King, a globally renowned movie, students of the schools participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test and situation-based question answer--all based on the movie.

Selected students also took part in extempore speech on different topics and role play. Prizes were distributed among the winners of different competition.

In Jhenidah, at least 150 students from Moheshpur Secondary Pilot Girls' School and Kotchandpur Secondary School took

Kids of 5 more schools learn amid fanfare

part in the fair held at Moheshpur Secondary Pilot Girls' School auditorium.

Headmaster Md Rezaul Karim of Moheshpur Secondary Girls' School opened the fair at around 11:00am. Robi Area Manager Raihan Kabir, teachers of the two schools and guardians of the students were present.

Following screening of The Lion King, students of the two institutions took part in spot quiz, vocabulary test, one word question and quick questions--all based on the movie.

The students also enter-

tained the audience by telling jokes and singing songs. Prizes were distributed among the winners of different competitions at the end



of the programme.

Our Faridpur correspondent adds: over 200 students from Faridpur Zila School,

Faridpur Government Girls' High School and Domrakandi High School joined the English language held at the zila school auditorium.

After watching the globally renowned movie, The Lion King, Students participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test, and situation-based question answer. Selected students took part in extempore speech on different topics and role play.

Eighteen students won different competitions. Prizes were distributed among the winners at the end of the programme.



PHOTO: STAR

A girl performs at the English language fair held at Faridpur Zila School auditorium yesterday.

Three commit 'suicide'

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A housewife, a girl and a young woman allegedly committed suicide in Chapainawabganj and Magura districts on Sunday.

In Chapainawabganj, Zorina Khatun alias Koituri, 20, daughter of Mozammel Haque of Monoharpur village in Shibganj upazila, took her life by setting herself on fire at her house early in the morning, reports our correspondent.

Dipok Kumar, sub-inspector of Shibganj police station, said she might have committed suicide as her husband divorced her recently.

In Magura, a housewife and a teenage girl allegedly committed suicide in Mahammadpur upazila on Sunday, reports UNB.

The deceased were identified as Bhagabati Rani Biswas, 26, wife of Polash Kumar Biswas of Chabinagar village and Sumi Khatun, 15, daughter of Samad Mollah of Khalia village in the upazila.

Police quoting local people said Bhagabati Rani committed suicide by swallowing poison at her house in the early morning following a feud with her husband.

In another incident, Sumi Khatun, 15, took her own life by taking pesticides at her house in the morning after failing in love.

Cotton mill gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

A devastating fire gutted a cotton mill in Jumjumpur area at Jessore municipal town in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Mill officials said that the fire originated from an electric short circuit and soon engulfed the mill.

On information, fire fighters from Sadar fire station rushed to the spot and doused the flame with the help of local people after four hours of frantic efforts.

Affected mill owner Bazlur Rahman claimed that valuables worth Tk 5 core were gutted in the blaze.

VIOLENCE DURING BISWANATH HARTAL

Seven UP chairmen finally suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Seven union parishad (UP) chairmen in Biswanath upazila, charge-sheeted in a case for vandalising public property at the upazila headquarters during BNP enforced hartal on April 23, have been suspended.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Sonamoni Chakma received a letter issued by the Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) Ministry in this regard on Sunday.

He sent the copies of the letter to the chairmen yesterday and also asked them to hand over the charges to the panel chairmen within the next three days. The ministry had earlier approved the list of the panel chairmen sent by the UNO.

The suspended chairmen are Jajal Uddin of Biswanath UP, Kabir Hossain of Lamakazi UP, Nizamuddin Siddiki of Khajanchi UP, Md

Lalu Mia of Alonkari UP, Md Tahir Uddin of Deokolosh UP, Abbas Ali of Daulatpur UP, and Shafiquddin of Doshghar UP.

Earlier on June 14, the UNO sent proposals to the ministry concerned through the deputy commissioner for suspension of the UP chairmen as police pressed charges against them in a case for vandalism at the upazila complex on April 23.

The BNP-backed chairmen are also accused in several other cases in connection with the vandalism and clash with cops during hartal hours. Three people were killed and 50 others were injured during the clash between pro-hartal men and police at the upazila headquarters.

Immediately after the incidents, police filed separate cases accusing 8,000 opposition activists, including the seven UP chairmen.

PCJSS faction leader shot

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Gunmen sprayed bullets on a leader of the reformist faction of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) in Rubber Bagan area of Dighinala upazila on Saturday afternoon.

Seriously injured, he was identified as Preeti Khisha Chakma, 40, general secretary of PCJSS Marung union unit and son of Purnasur Khisha of Baradam area in the upazila.

A gang of 5-6 masked armed men of Shantu Larma group opened fire on Preeti Khisha around 5.00pm while he was returning home from party meeting held in Marung Bazar area, said Pritimoy Chakma, president of PCJSS (M.N Larma group) Dighinala upazila unit.

Officer in-charge of Dighinala police station Sahadat Hossain Titu said, on information police rushed to the spot, rescued

the injured and admitted him to Khagrachhari Adhunik Sadar Hospital around 06:30pm.

Later the duty doctor referred him to Chittagong Medical College and Hospital as his condition deteriorated, the OC added.

Contacted, duty doctor at Khagrachhari Adhunik Sadar Hospital Khirul Alam said, Preeti Khisha received three bullets in his face, left ear and knee.

Talking to this correspondent, press secretary of Santu Larma led PCJSS Sajib Chakma refuted the allegation against his partymen and said that the incident might be a sequel to internal feud in the rival faction, he added.

Earlier on April 12, Supranu Chakma, 45, general secretary of PCJSS (MN Larma) Dighinala unit, was shot dead allegedly by the rivals at Baradam village of the upazila.

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2 killed in clash over control of disputed land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

At least two people were killed and five others injured in a clash over a piece of disputed land at Sidhuli village in Gurudaspur upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Yarul Islam, 35, son of Baksua Mia and Amir Ali, 38, son of Haran Shah of the village.

Of the injured, Shahjahan Ali, 50, grandfather of Yarul, Ahammad Ali, 42, and Zarina Begum, 38, of the area were admitted to Rajshahi Medical Collage and Hospital while the rest given first aid.

Shafiqul Islam, officer in-charge of Gurudaspur police station, said there was a longstanding conflict between Yarul and one Yunus Ali of the same village over the land.

Yarul's brother Ahammad Ali and Yunus's brother-in-law Mainul Islam locked in a quarrel over the issue at Manikpur Bazar in the area in the morning.

As the news spread, a group of villagers allegedly led by Yunus swooped on the house of Shahjahan.

The clash ensued when the supporters of Shahjahan tried to prevent the attackers.