

# Lalmonirhat's only children's park in dire straits

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The lone children's park in Lalmonirhat town has remained virtually unusable for years due to lack of proper maintenance.

Lalmonirhat railway authorities built the park beside the railway station about 40 years ago to provide recreation facilities among the children, especially of the railway employees.

About four thousand railway employees with their families live in the town, said Sirazul Haque, 65, an employee of Bangladesh Railway, and a resident of Sahebpara at Lalmonirhat.

"Although built for the children of railway employees, the park served as recreation centre for a good number of children from different areas in the town. My two sons, when they were students of primary school in 1980s, came to the park regularly and played with other children there. But it no longer attracts children now," he said.

Mollah Harun Shaikh, another railway employee, said his three sons and two daughters used to go to the children's park for recreation but now he cannot go there with his grandsons as the environment is polluted.

"Drug addicts often stay in the children park. They use drugs openly and sometimes abuse locals who come to the park with their



PHOTO: STAR

The railway children's park, the lone park in Lalmonirhat town, now serves as a grazing field as well as a haunt for drug addicts, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned.

children. The environment has turned awfully bad during the last several years," said Morshedul Islam, a resident of Avijanpara in the town.

Asadur Rahman, 9, a class four student of Railway Children's Park School, said, "We the children can't go to the park for recreation as the environment is ugly. Seats

and cradles are shabby, smokers stay there, and cows and goats graze too."

"I often stay inside home and pass my leisure by watching television as I cannot go to the park," said Mrinal Das, 8, a Class three student of the same school.

Liakot Ali, a teacher of Khochabari Government Model Primary School in the

town, said, "Recreation is essential for children's mental growth and development in study. I requested the railway authorities to take steps for reviving the lone children's park in Lalmonirhat town."

Contacted, the OC of Lalmonirhat railway police station Sirazul Islam said he will take action against the drug

addicts who stay in the park.

Asadul Haque, divisional engineer of Lalmonirhat Railway Division under the West Zone of railway, admitted that the children's park has remained unused for years.

"If the environment around the park improves, I will take necessary steps to re-arrange and modernise it," he said.

## CHIRIRBANDAR INCIDENT

# Charges pressed against 198 in two cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Charges have been pressed against 198 people, including Jamaat-backed chairman of Chirirbandar Upazila Parishad, in two separate cases filed in connection with August 4 incident in the upazila.

Md Harisur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC-investigation) of Chirirbandar Police Station, and Sub-Inspector Md Aminul Islam submitted two separate charge sheets to the Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday.

Court sources said the hearing of the two cases will be held today.

Following a dispute over building a mosque by grab-

bing land beside a temple at Bolai Bazar near Rajapur village on August 4, thousands of people attacked the village on the day, violating Section 144.

At least 50 Hindus of the village were injured while 25 houses torched during the attack. Police had to fire blank shots tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

On August 7, Subhash Chandra Roy, son of Satish Chandra Roy of Rajapur village, filed a case with Chirirbandar Police Station against 200 people including Jamaat-backed upazila chairman Aftab Uddin Mollah.

Another case was filed by Dinesh Chandra Roy, son of

Debi Prasad of adjoining Abdulpur village, on August 9, accusing 44 people including Aftab Uddin Mollah, also former ameer of Jamaat Dinajpur district unit.

Both the cases were filed under the Speedy Trial Act. Police submitted the charge sheets within 25 days of filing of the cases.

Tariqul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Chirirbandar Police Station said Aftab Uddin Mollah has been absconding since August 4.

The OC told this correspondent that they would submit a charge-sheet in another case for attack on the village soon. Police, BGB and Rab members are still guarding the area.

# UP chairman abducted in Laxmipur

## Supporters block roads for 4 hours, damage 20 vehicles

UNB, Laxmipur

Unidentified criminals abducted a union parishad (UP) chairman and local Awami League leader from Poddar Bazar in Laxmipur Sadar upazila on Saturday night.

The victim is Abul Kashem Jihadi, chairman of Boshikpur Union Parishad.

Protesting the incident, the supporters of Kashem halted vehicular movements on Dhaka-Laxmipur Road

and other roads in the area for four hours from 10:00am yesterday.

They also staged a demonstration in the town and damaged at least 20 vehicles in the morning. During the vandalism, at least 20 people were injured.

Police and locals said a gang of criminals picked up Kashem at gunpoint from the market at around 11:00pm.

Golam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Laxmipur Sadar

Police Station, said they have launched a drive to rescue the UP chairman and nab the abductors.

District Awami League leaders and the chairmen of other union parishads in the upazila yesterday demanded that the law enforcers rescue the abducted UP chairman within the next 48 hours. Otherwise they threatened to launch a tougher agitation programme in the district.

## SNIPPETS

### Mother killed by son

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

A woman was killed allegedly by her son in Sadar upazila on Saturday night. The victim was identified as Manjuara Begum, 45, wife of Nawab Ali of Shyamnagar village. Police said Manjuara and her son Tito locked in an altercation over a family issue at around 9:00pm. At one stage, Tito hit her mother with a stick, resulting in her death on the spot. Golam Rahman, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said police arrested Tito from Chaugachha upazila yesterday.

### Two held with arms

UNB, Khulna

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in separate drives arrested two men along with arms in the city on Saturday. Acting on secret information, a team of Rab-6 raided Doulatpur area and arrested Nahid Newaz, 38, along with a foreign made pistol at about 5:00pm. They also seized his motorbike. Following his confessional statement, the elite force arrested Sheikh Sumon, 24, along with a revolver and a motorcycle in front of Khulna Press Club at Shah Iqbal Road at about 7:00pm.

### Man stabbed to death

UNB, Bandarban

A man was stabbed to death following an altercation over sharing of gambling money at Nanir Bunia Punarbasanpara in Naikhangchhari upazila early yesterday. The dead was identified as Shahanur Mia, 58, son of Siraj Jamadar of the village. The officer-in-charge of Naikhangchhari Police Station said Shahanur picked up quarrel with other gamblers over sharing of money. Later, his rivals stabbed him indiscriminately, leaving him dead on the spot. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy. Police arrested one named M Absar, said the OC.

### BGB man dies of heatstroke

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A member of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) died of heatstroke at Shalkona border in Sharsa upazila yesterday. Deceased Iman Ali, 53, was naik subedar of Shalkona BGB camp. Major Firoz Wahid, operation officer of 26 BGB, said Iman fell sick and was taken to the hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

### BAU students agitate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Students of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in the district yesterday besieged the administrative office, protesting admission fee hike. Under the banner of Protagisthil Chhatra Jote, leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front of BAU units along with general students held the programme in the morning. They also protested the price hike of admission forms. At the programme, the protesters said the authorities increased the price of application forms from Tk 550 to Tk 800 while admission fee from Tk 1825 to Tk 6214 for 2012-13 session.

# Crippled by husband for continuing studies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Brutally bludgeoned by husband, an undergraduate student got the bones of her right leg and waist broken on Friday evening.

The victim, Laboni, 18, daughter of Nurul Islam of Kachipara village in Bauful upazila under Patuakhali district, received the 'punishment' for continuing higher study against the will of her husband Milon Khan, 25, of the same village, she said.

Milon Khan forcibly married Laboni, also a student of BA first year of Abdur Rashid Degree College, in last March when Laboni went to visit her relative's house in Dhaka, said Laboni, her family members and locals.

After marriage Laboni wanted to continue her study but Milon put serious objection to it.

Milon also demanded Tk 2 lakh as dowry but Laboni, daughter of a low-paid worker of a local bakery shop, expressed inability to meet the demand.

Laboni continued to stay at her father's house after the marriage.

On Friday afternoon, Milon persuaded Laboni to go a jewelry shop to make gold rings. Milon, Laboni, and her cousins Nabila, 9, and Riad, 10, went to Baherchar Bazar and ordered a gold ring at a jewelry shop. On

their way back home, Milon's friend Miraz also accompanied them.

When they reached near a garden of Mukundo Howlader's house, Milon started beating her with a hammer taken from Miraz. Hearing scream of Laboni and her cousins, locals rushed to the spot when Milon and Miraz fled the scene.

Locals brought the victim to Bauful upazila health complex and Dr Moina Mashkura Anny, medical officer of the health complex, referred her to Dhaka for better treatment.

"Laboni could not stand up as bones of her waist and right leg have broken. She needs long term treatment," the doctor said.

"I wanted to continue my study but my husband disliked it. I also wanted to be government service holder after completing higher education but all my dreams have shattered," said Laboni.

Laboni's mother Rahima Begum demanded justice for torture on her daughter. Local UP member Salim Howlader said Milon and his companions have bad reputation.

Laboni filed a case with Bauful police station accusing her husband Milon and four others but police could not arrest anybody as of filing this report at about 4:00pm yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

Fire service men conduct an operation to rescue workers, possibly trapped inside the debris, after the collapse of the roof of an under construction cold storage at Fulchouky village in Mithapukur upazila under Rangpur district yesterday morning.

## বিজেএমসি'র নির্ধারিত পাটক্রয় কেন্দ্রের পাটের গড়দর মোবাইল ফোনের SMS এর মাধ্যমে জানতে :

- মোবাইল ফোনের ম্যাসেজ অপশনে যান।
- Jute লিখে একটি স্পেস দিয়ে নিম্নের তালিকা থেকে আপনার পাট ক্রয় কেন্দ্রের নির্ধারিত তিন অক্ষরের কোডটি লিখুন।
- ম্যাসেজটি ২২৩৩ নম্বরে সেভ করুন; তাহলেই, ফিরতি ম্যাসেজে ঐ এলাকার তোষা ক্রস পাটের ৭ (সাত) দিনের গড়দর জানতে পারবেন।
- কোয়ালিটি ও গ্রেড ব্যবধান প্রতিমণ্ডে ১৫০.০০ টাকা (পুনর্নির্ধারিত না হওয়া পর্যন্ত)।

নির্ধারিত পাটক্রয় কেন্দ্র (এলাকা ভিত্তিক)	কোড
ঢাকা অঞ্চল	dhk
চট্টগ্রাম অঞ্চল	ctg
খুলনা অঞ্চল	khl
রাজশাহী জুট মিলস (রাজশাহী)	raj
জাতীয় জুট মিলস (সিরাজগঞ্জ)	jat
চরমুগুরিয়া (মাদারীপুর)/গোহালা (গোপালগঞ্জ)/টেকেরহাট (গোপালগঞ্জ)	chm
বনগ্রাম/ভাটিয়াপাড়া/ধানজাইল (গোপালগঞ্জ)	kas
শরিয়তপুর জেলা	sap
কানাইপুর/আম্বিকাপুর (ফরিদপুর)	knp
খলিলপুর (ফরিদপুর)	klp
কামারখালী (ফরিদপুর)	kmk
রাজবাড়ী জেলা	rjb
মাগুরা জেলা	mag
কুষ্টিয়া জেলা	kus
নড়াইল জেলা	nar
মানিকগঞ্জ জেলা	man
নারায়ণগঞ্জ জেলা	naj
বি-বাড়িয়া জেলা	brh
নরসিংদী জেলা	nsb
ময়মনসিংহ/জামালপুর/কিশোরগঞ্জ/শেরপুর জেলা	mym
টাঙ্গাইল জেলা	tng
পাবনা জেলা	pab
সিরাজগঞ্জ/নাটোর জেলা	snt
গাইবান্ধা/বগুড়া/জয়পুরহাট জেলা	bog
কুড়িগ্রাম জেলা	kgm
নীলফামারী/দিনাজপুর/রংপুর/পঞ্চগড়/ঠাকুরগাঁও/লালমনিরহাট জেলা	dnj

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