

CHAPAINAWABGANJ INCIDENT

BGB, police sue 188 Jamaat-Shibir men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

BGB (Border Guard Bangladesh) and police have sued 188 Jamaat-Shibir men on charges of vandalising a BGB vehicle and injuring its driver at Mohananda Bus Stand in the town on Wednesday afternoon.

Nayek Subedar Abu Taher of 9 BGB Battalion filed a case with Chapainawabganj Sadar Police Station on Wednesday night, accusing 37 named and 150 unnamed Jamaat-Shibir activists of vandalising a BGB pickup van and injuring its driver.

Sub-Inspector Jahangir Alam filed another case against 188 Jamaat-Shibir activists with the police station yesterday morning on same charges. Of the accused, 28 have been identified while the rest remain unidentified.

Names of 187 accused are same in both cases filed by BGB and police.

Police on Wednesday night arrested four Jamaat activists, raiding different areas of the town. The arrestees are Saidur Rahman,

Delwar Hossain, Hazrat Ali and Abdul Hamid. They are accused in the two cases, said Golam Mortuza, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station.

Around 200 Jamaat-Shibir men held a rally in Mohananda Bus Stand area at around 3:45pm on Wednesday. Suddenly, a group strayed from the rally and vandalised the passing vehicle of 9 BGB Battalion. Sepoy Amjad Hossain, driver of the vehicle, sustained injuries during the attack.

The vehicle was going to Ranihati in Shibganj upazila from the battalion headquarters in Chapainawabganj town.

Meanwhile, police arrested three Jamaat-Shibir activists on Wednesday night for their alleged involvement in destructive activities. The arrestees are Abdul Malek, 40, Golam Mostafa, 48, and Nahid Ahmed, 21.

Abdul Malek was arrested from Nachole, Golam Mostafa from Shibganj and Nahid Ahmed from Sadar upazilas.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inspects a parade at Sardar Police Academy in Rajshahi yesterday. During her visit, the prime minister also inaugurated a three-day centenary programme of the academy.

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3 'arms smugglers' killed by rivals in Meherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Criminals killed three people, allegedly involved in arms smuggling, by slitting their throats in Mujibnagar upazila of Meherpur yesterday morning.

Informed by local farmers, police recovered the bodies from a water body at Ratanpur village around 7:30am.

Robiul Hassan, officer in-charge of Mujibnagar police station, said they identified them as Robiul Alam, 40, son of Azmot Ali of Taranagar, Hiru Mondol, 35, son of Afaul Krishna Mondol of Joypur village and Abdul Hamid, 30 son of Asik Ali of Purontpur in the upazila.

According to police, Robiul, Hamid and Hiru were involved with illegal firearms trading. Several

cases were filed against them with Mujibnagar police station under the Arms Act.

Of them, Robiul and Hamid were wanted by district police, the OC said.

Meherpur District and Sessions Judge's Court in 2008 sentenced Robiul, Hamid and Hiru to 14 years RI for smuggling firearms through the Indian border. They came out of the jail after the High Court granted them bail in August this year.

According to police, the trio were active members of firearms smuggling rings in Meherpur border areas.

They said, Robiul had been staying at his father-in-law's house at Shibpur village in the upazila for last three months.

"We had no link with them," said Rasul, brother of

Robiul.

Hiru's mother Sonali Mondol told reporters that her son went out of home yesterday evening after a phone call from border areas. Since then he had no link with his family.

"The trio might have been killed due to the internal conflict in the arms smugglers ring," the OC observed.

Police have already launched a drive to nab the killers, said Mozaffar Hossain, superintendent of police in Meherpur who joined his duties yesterday.

Earlier on June 16, two siblings, allegedly involved in drug smuggling, were murdered by rivals in Gangni upazila of Meherpur.

The bodies of the three deceased were sent to Meherpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

SNIPPETS

BSF picks up youth

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) detained a Bangladeshi youth on Kantivita border in Baliadangi upazila on Wednesday. Identified as Zohurul Haque, 26, a day labourer, he was son of late Gudu Mohammad of Kantivita village. Lt. Col Touhidul Islam, commanding officer of BGB 30 battalion, said the BSF men picked up Zohurul at about 7:30pm when he approached the border.

7 hurt in AL-BNP clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

At least seven people were injured in a clash between the activists of Awami League and BNP in Taras upazila yesterday morning. Three of the injured were admitted to the upazila health complex while the rest given first aid. Locals said upazila BNP held a meeting at Taras Shaheed Minar on the occasion of 'democracy day'. At this, a group of AL men protested the programme stating that objectionable speech was delivered there and engaged in an altercation with the BNP activists. At one stage, a chase and counter case took place between the rival groups, leaving at least seven from both sides injured.

Outlaw held with arms

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an alleged outlaw at Aichgati village in Rupsha upazila yesterday. They also recovered a foreign made revolver and two bullets from his possession. Arrestee Ratan Bashak, 27, son of Robin Bashak of Dumuria upazila, is a leader of outlawed New Biplob Communist Party (NBPC). Acting on a tip-off, a team raided the area and arrested Ratan along with the arms and bullets, said Mir Moddasser Hossain, assistant police superintendent of Rab-6. Ratan was accused in a number of criminal cases, said the ASP.

Schoolgirl found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police recovered the body of a schoolgirl at Mohanpur village in Sadar upazila of Sunamganj district yesterday. The deceased, Sheuli Akhtar, 13, was daughter of Ratan Mia and a student of Haji Goni Baksh High School. Police said the girl went to bed after taking her meal on Wednesday night. Her body was found hanging from the ceiling of her room in the morning, said Abdul Awal Chowdhury, officer in-charge at Sadar police station. The reason behind the death could not be known immediately, said family members.

Youth jailed for stalking

UNB, Barguna

A mobile court sentenced a young man to six months jail for teasing a schoolgirl in the town on Tuesday. Police, quoting locals, said Salahuddin, a carpenter by profession, used to tease the student of Barguna Girls High School, on her way to school everyday. On Tuesday morning, local people caught Salahuddin as he passed some indecent comments. Later, a mobile court led by executive magistrate Arafat Rahman handed down the verdict.

Man hurt in police firing

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

An alleged robber sustained wounds in a police gunshot at Churamonkathi in Sadar upazila early yesterday. Sources said, a patrol team of police in a microbus went to Churamonkathi. When they crossed the rail crossing area, a gang of robbers intercepted their microbus. Finding the vehicle passengers to be law enforcers, the robbers hurled bombs at them. In retaliation, police fired at them, leaving one of the robbers critically wounded. The gang along with their wounded member managed to flee.

Abducted man found dead

UNB, Magura

Police recovered the body of man from a river in Shalikhia upazila of the district on Tuesday noon five days after his abduction. The deceased was identified as Nikhil Kumar, 45, of Pulum village of the upazila. Police, quoting the victim's family members, said a gang abducted Nikhil from his house on November 29 and later locals spotted his body floating in the river Fatkinadi. In Jessore, a schoolgirl was kidnapped by criminals in Keshabpur upazila on Tuesday afternoon. The victim is a student of Class IX at Pilot Girls High School. Police said a gang led by Akter Hossain, son of late Abdul Kuddus, and Al Amin, son of Abdul Dhali of Altapole village, picked up the schoolgirl at gunpoint from in front of her school on her way back home in the afternoon. Later, they left the scene in a private car along with the victim.

Month of Victory



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Liberation War veteran Nosimuddin Miah, now 86, looks on as his wife Rabeya Begum, 69, cooks for the family on the yard of their shabby hut at Karnapur Majhatari village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. The couple show all signs of poverty and unhappiness as Nosimuddin, still waiting for official recognition as freedom fighter, is too weak to work for earning while his spouse has to serve as a day labourer for their survival.

FF Nosimuddin at 86 still fighting against poverty

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Freedom fighter Nosimuddin Miah, now 86, is passing his twilight years amid utter poverty and neglect as recognition from the authorities concerned and honorarium meant for the heroic sons of the soil still elude him.

"I fought against the Pakistani occupation forces at Karnapur Majhatari, Mogholhat, Jaridhorla, Etapota, Bhatbari, Kulaghat and Fulgachh villages in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila in Sector 6 under the command of the then Wing Commander AKM Bashar, said the valiant freedom fighter.

"Other freedom fighters tell their stories to the new generation on various occasions, especially on the Independence Day and the Victory Day. My co-fighters receive benefits from the government, but my name is not included in the list of freedom fighters," he lamented.

Nosimuddin submitted a few applications with the recommendations of the local commanders of Muktiyoddha Sangsad for inclusion in the list of freedom fighters, the latest on March 6 this year, to the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs but he is still waiting for a response.

The Liberation War veteran is not fit for physical labour, while his wife Rabeya Begum, 69, works as a labourer for Tk 40 to 50 a day.

The earning is barely enough for survival of the couple who have a physically challenged son Noyumul Islam, 41.

"Besides taking part in operations, Nosimuddin Miah used to collect information about movement of Pakistani soldiers and their camps, drew maps about it, and submitted to the commander," said his co-fighter Amol Chandra Roy, 71, who lives in the same village.

Recalling the freedom fighter's heroics during the Liberation War, Ayesha Begum, 59, wife of Hazrat Ali of Mogholhat village, said, "Nosimuddin threw a grenade at the Pakistani soldiers who tried to abduct me and my sister Sayma Begum from Mogholhat village. Thus we were saved from utter humiliation."

Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila unit commander of Muktiyoddha Sangsad Abu Bakar Siddique said, "Nosimuddin Miah is a real fighter but his name was not included in the list due to his long absence from his native village Karnapur Majhatari. After the independence, he worked at different places of the country for livelihood. He returned in 2000. Other freedom fighters try to help him in times of desperate need. Both Sadar upazila and district units of the Muktiyoddha Sangsad are trying to include his name in the list."

Nosimuddin's application was sent to the ministry concerned for inclusion of his name in the freedom fighters' list in October 2010, June 2011 and lastly in March 2012 but he is yet to get any response, said Usuf Ali, commander of Lalmonirhat district unit of Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

Where has Khadiza gone?

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

A housewife who 'disappeared' one month back after being subjected to torture allegedly by her in-laws in Keshabpur upazila of Jessore remains still untraced.

The victim is Khadiza Khatun, wife of Saidur Rahman, resident of Bashbaria village in the upazila.

Sources said Saidur married Khadiza, daughter of Mozaffar Sardar of the village, six years ago and the couple had a three-year-old son.

Saidur used to torture Khadiza physically and mentally as she protested his second marriage.

On November 7, Saidur beat up Khadiza severely and since that day, she remained missing.

Mozaffar filed a case. None was arrested in this connection and police could not rescue Khadiza yet.

MONDAY'S CLASH

2000 Jamaat, Shibir men sued in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least 2,000 Jamaat and Shibir men have been sued in two separate cases yesterday in connection with Monday's clash at Ranirbandar village under Chirirbandar upazila.

Police also arrested eight people till yesterday.

Md. Harisul Islam, inspector (Investigation) and Md. Masud Rana ASI of Chirirbandar police station filed those cases with their police station mentioning the names of 52 Jamaat and Shibir men while the rest remained unidentified.

In the cases, they stated that the Jamaat and Shibir men and their hired goons went on rampage at Ranirbandar village and attacked police, leaving 30 policemen including the OC of Chirirbandar injured.

Besides violating the law

and order, the agitators also obstructed policemen from performing their duties, they said.

On Monday evening, Jamaat and Shibir activists locked in a violent clash with police which left Md. Mozahideen Hossain Biplob injured critically. Biplob later succumbed on the way to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital the same night.

Earlier, two other cases were filed in Birganj and Khansama upazilas on Wednesday alleging violation of law and order during the daylong hartal, police said.

SI Biswanath Gupta of Birganj filed a case with speedy tribunal accusing 150 people while Md. Hafiz Sarker, a leader of Khansama upazila AL, filed the other case with the police station, accusing 100 people, identifying 17 of them.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Fishing in shallow waters is a favourite pastime, especially for rural children during the ongoing dry season. The photo was taken from Talbaria village in Jessore Sadar upazila.

Son helps police arrest mother

UNB, Madaripur

Failing to bear the disgrace caused by mother's involvement in illegal drug peddling anymore, a youth helped police to arrest his mother in Rajoir upazila on Sunday night.

Police said Shahinur Begum and her daughter Jesmin have long been engaged in phensidyl trade at Purba Sharmangol village.

Shahinur's son Qamrul, who returned home from abroad recently, failed to desist them from the illegal activities despite his

frantic efforts.

Even his mother threatened to drive him out of home due to his protest against the illegal business.

As a consequence of the drug was brought to the house again, Qamrul, aided by local people, informed the police.

A police team, led by officer in-charge (investigation) Emdadul Haque of Rajoir PS, rushed to the spot and recovered 40 bottles of phensidyl from the house and arrested Shahinur on Sunday night.