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Thakurgaon BNP activists stage a sit-in on Thakurgaon-Panchagarh highway in the town yesterday demanding release of party's acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

## Sit-in on roads demanding release of Fakhrul

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

District unit BNP observed a three-hour long sit-in on the roads of the district town yesterday, demanding release of its acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and withdrawal all false cases against him.

The programme began at 11:00am and continued till 2:00pm.

During the sit-in, several hundred local leaders and activists took position on different main points of major roads in the town, including the old bus stand area on Thakurgaon-Panchagarh highway, Art Gallery intersection and Thakurgaon intersection.

Vehicular movement came to a halt during the programme, causing immense sufferings to both long and short distance passengers.

The BNP men also brought out a procession in the town.

The programme was followed by a discus-

sion at the BNP office in the town where district unit general secretary Toimur Rahman, joint secretary Obaidullah Masud, organising secretary Poigam Ali and others spoke.

The speakers threatened to launch a tougher movement if their leader was not freed immediately.

Meanwhile, police arrested 12 activists of JCD and Shramik Dal in separate drives in the town from Tuesday mid-night to early yesterday.

The arrestees were identified as Masud Rana, Zakir Hossain, Md. Arif, Dipu, Sohag, Shamim, Alamgir, Nayan, Sujon, Robiul, Sona Miah and Golam Robbani.

OC of Thakurgaon PS Zahidul Islam Chowdhury said, they launched the overnight drive and arrested the opposition activists apprehending that they might create chaos, deteriorating the law and order in the town during their agitation programme.

## Tiger kills crab collector

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A crab collector was killed in a tiger attack at a point of Markey Canal near River Arua Shiba under Sunderbans west zone on Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Oliar Rahman, 17, son of Abdur Rashid Sana of Koyra village in Koyra upazila of the district.

Forest Department sources said, Oliar along with his neighbours went to the forest on Sunday to collect crab taking permission from Kashiabad forest station.

A tiger swooped on Oliar and dragged him into the deep forest when he was netting crab in the canal at around 11.00am.

Later, his neighbour Akbarul and other two fishermen recovered the decomposed body and handed it over to his family members.

On Saturday, Abu Siddique, a *golpata* (leaf) collector of Koyra village was killed at Sachianagla under the same forest department.

## Prisoner dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A prisoner died at Patuakhali jail yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Shahid, 40, of Adabaria village in Bauphal upazila.

Jail Superintendent Subrata Kumar Bala said Shahid felt cardiac pain at night.

When his condition deteriorated in the morning, we sent him to General Hospital. But the on duty doctor declared him dead, he said. Shahid was sent to jail by a court on December 18 in a dowry case, he added.

## Obscene dance, gambling at jatra go on unhindered

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Obscene dance and gambling in the name of *jatra* (open air drama) have been going on in several places of Natore, Lalmonirhat and Jessore districts.

In Natore, obscene dance and gambling are being held unhindered at *jatra* at Singhardaho Mastanmore in Tebaria union of Sadar upazila and Rahimanpur field in Jamnagar union under Bagatipara upazila, reports our correspondent.

Although the district administration gave permission only for *jatra* at the two spots, the immoral activities take place openly every night while the loud noise of speakers causes nuisance for the locals, said locals.

"Every night, obscene dance and gambling are arranged at Rahimanpur under the nose of police. Now the area is witnessing an increase of theft as many youths go there for gambling," said Md Hafiz Uddin, chairman of Jamnagar union parishad.

Mayen Uddin, president of Rahimanpur *jatra* committee, said they paid a handsome amount to the Bagatipara police and the DC office for the permission to hold *jatra*.

Faridul Islam, officer in-charge of Bagatipara police station, said *jatra* is being held all over the country in the winter season. It is also an open secret that the *jatra* organisers arrange obscene dance and gambling in the name of *jatra*.

Golam Sarwar, chairman of Tebaria union said that the *jatra* authorities have arranged this type of activi-



PHOTO: STAR

Nightlong gambling is a common scene at places in Natore district, especially during the ongoing dry season, in the name of *jatra* (open air drama). The photo was taken from Mastanmore area of Sadar upazila a few days ago.

ties to attract the local youths. They are doing brisk business at the cost of their moral degradation, he said.

Police also attend those programmes every night and collect bribe money, villagers said.

Locals recently urged the authorities to stop these illegal activities but to no effect.

In Jessore, a section of people having political clout are arranging such events in Monirampur upazila without taking permission from the local administration, reports UNB.

Locals alleged that on the plea of raising fund for a public toilet in the locality, they arranged a variety show at Monohorpur Government Primary School ground a few days ago.

They hired a circus party which is holding gambling and obscene dance there.

Locals said that the circus party named 'The Rajdhani

Circus' at first tried to set up their canopy at Modhupur Primary School ground.

But in the face of opposition from the teachers of a nearby madrasa, they retreated from there.

Later, they moved to Joynagar-Begumpur ground but failed to start business there also following pressure from the local people.

Contacted, Zillur Rahman, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Monirampur upazila, said that he had ordered police to close the circus.

In Lalmonirhat, obscene dance, gambling and drug sale go on openly at *jatra* at different villages, reports our correspondent.

At least seven were injured as two groups clashed over gambling at *jatra* at Rudreshwar village of Kaliganj upazila on Tuesday night. Obscene dance, gambling and drug taking contin-

ued there for the last five days, locals said.

Another clash took place between villagers and gamblers at Khaner Bazar village in Hatibandha upazila on Tuesday night, as the villagers protested obscene dance and gambling during *jatra*.

Panchagram UP chairman Delawar Hossain alleged that a section of locals with the help of police have been arranging gambling every night at four points of his union.

I informed it to police but no action yet, he said.

Rajpur UP chairman Mofazzol Hossain said that gambling was going on unhindered in his union. Mohendronagar UP chairman Abdus Sobhan Mandol also made a similar allegation.

UNO Nazmul Huda told the UP chairmen recently that he will take necessary steps after a meeting with the police soon.

## Cotton factory, jute godowns gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A cotton factory, two jute godowns and several shops were gutted in two separate fire incidents in Barisal city and Gourandi upazila yesterday.

No causality was reported but at least 8 people sustained minor injuries while trying to extinguish the fire.

Fire service sources said, fire burnt a cotton factory in Puran Koila Ghat area of Barisal city yesterday afternoon.

The factory caught fire from an electric short circuit at about 3:30pm and rapidly engulfed the goods, damaging cotton worth Tk seven lakh and two machines worth Tk three lakh, claimed factory owner Habibur

Rahman.

Fire service men rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze at about 4:00pm, said Faruk Hossain Shikdar, senior station manager at Barisal Fire Service Station.

Damages caused by the fire would be more than Tk five lakh, he said. In another incident at Sharikal Bandar market in Gouranadi upazila, two jute godowns of Harunor Rashid Howlader and Shahin Sharif, a bakery of Shah Alam Matubbar, one cycle shop of Samsul Alam were burnt while one grocery shop of Abdur Rahim was damaged partially yesterday morning.

Owners of the affected enterprises claimed that the damages would exceed Tk 20 lakh.

## Bangladeshi shot by BSF in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Bangladeshi national was injured by bullet as Border Security Force (BSF) if India opened fire on him at Koriya border under Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat yesterday afternoon, BGB sources said.

The victim was identified as Alamgir Hossain, 32, son of Md Sadekul Islam of Kachhna village under the upazila.

Witnesses said that the BSF at Shidai Camp near the border fired at Alamgir when he approached a Koriya border point under Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat at around 4.40pm yesterday.

Family members said, Alamgir went to bring back the goats grazing near the zero line.

A bullet hit his forehead, they said.

Locals and family members took him to Joypurhat Modern Hospital in critical condition where the doctors referred him to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital in Bogra as his condition deteriorated.

BGB members at Koriya camp strongly protested the act of the BSF.

They also called for a flag meeting but BSF did not respond till filing this report yesterday evening.

## Gambler drowns while escaping police raid

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

A gambler drowned in a pond while he was trying to evade police raid at Satpar village in Sadar upazila of the district on Tuesday evening.

The deceased was identified as Hitu Bala, 34, of the village.

Local people said police raided the area while Hitu Bala along with his associates was involved in the act of betting money in a card game on a cropland adjacent to Satpar Union Parishad office at around 6:00pm.

Sensing the presence of

the law enforcers, Hitu and his associates started running to escape arrest. Suddenly, he dashed against a tree and fell into a pond.

Locals rescued Hitu in an unconscious state and took him to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

Police later recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy. Sub-Inspector Abdus Salam of Baultoli police investigation centre, said they are looking for Hitu's associates.

No case was filed with Sadar Police Station as of 5:00pm yesterday.

## Benapole port active again

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

The import and export activities between Bangladesh and India through Benapole land port resumed yesterday.

Trade through the port remained halted on Tuesday because of holiday in both

the countries due to Christmas.

Imtiaz Ahmed, Benapole check post customs cargo branch superintendent said, trade through the port had been going on in full swing since the morning.

 <b>Bangladesh Space Research and Remote Sensing Organization (SPARRSO)</b> Mohakash Biggyan Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh				
<b>Invitation for Tender</b>				
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.		
02	Agency	Bangladesh Space Research and Remote Sensing Organization (SPARRSO).		
03	Procurement entity name	Chairman, SPARRSO.		
04	Procuring entity code	N/A.		
05	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
06	Invitation for	Tender for Goods (Multiple Lots).		
07	Invitation Ref. No.	SR/SP-94/2012-13/P-8.		
08	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.		
09	Budget and source of funds	Revenue.		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
10	Tender package No.	SPARRSO/2012-13/P-8/		
11	Tender name	Procurement of Computer Materials & Others.		
		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
12	Tender publication date	20/12/2012		
13	Tender last selling date	09/01/2013		
14	Tender closing date & time	10/01/2013	12:00 noon	
15	Opening date and time (if different from 18)	10/01/2013	12:15pm	
16	Name and address of the office	Address		
	Selling tender document	Room No. 216, Administrative Building, SPARRSO, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.		
	Receiving tender document	-do-		
	Opening tender document	Committee Room-303, Admn Building, SPARRSO, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
17	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer will have legal, financial, professional and technical capability to deliver & the obligations of all the requirements.		
18	Brief description of goods	Photo Lab, Computer Materials, I, Equipment & Spares.		
19	Brief description of related services	As per schedule.		
20	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 500/- (five hundred) non-refundable.		
21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
	1 to 3	Photo Lab, Computer Materials, Equipment & Spares	Dhaka	Tk. 15,000/-
				6 weeks from the date of signing contract
22	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Amir Hossain.		
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Administrative Officer.		
24	Address of official inviting tender	SPARRSO, Mohakash Biggyan Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.		
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 880-2-9113329, Fax: 880-2-9122473, E-mail: ahossain@sparrso.gov.bd		
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
GD-5057	Chief Administrative Officer			