

Abducted madrasa girl, schoolboy rescued

6 held in Gopalganj, Chuadanga

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Police in Gopalganj rescued a nine-year-old madrasa girl yesterday while arrested three for abducting a 8-year-old schoolboy in Chuadanga on the previous day.

Police rescued the class-III madrasa student and arrested three alleged abductors from Ghosherchar area on the outskirts of Gopalganj district town yesterday noon.

The arrestees are Shipan, 24, Sohul Mollah, 22 and Kamrul Biswas, 38, reports a correspondent.

Sub-inspector at Gopalganj police station Md Iqbal Hossain said Shipan, identifying himself an uncle, picked the girl up on a microbus on Wednesday noon from Chandradighalia Madrasa in Sadar upazila.

They locked her at a room in Ghosherchar area and demanded Tk 3 lakh from her father on mobile phone.

Later, being informed, police raided the Ghosherchar house yesterday, rescued her and also arrested the three abductors.

But the main planner, Aziz Khan, managed to flee the scene, police said.

In Chuadanga, police arrested three college students on charge of abducting a schoolboy at Sorojganj in Sadar upazila Wednesday night, reports our Kushtia correspondent.

According to police, Sariful Islam, 22, son of Akbor Ali of Masterpara, Samir Kumar Ghosh, 23, son of Madan Kumar of Kacharipara and Yunus Ali,

21, son of Monir Uddin of Nabinagar in Sadar upazila of the district abducted Nahid Hasan, 8, son of Sahidul Islam of Sorijganj on Wednesday.

The three youths were intermediate students at Badarganj Degree College in the district.

Officer in-charge (OC) of Chuadanga Sadar police station Ershadul Bari told this correspondent that the college students abducted the boy, a student of class two at Annur Islami Academy in the town, and tried to take him to India.

On information, police raided Chuadanga bus terminal at about 7.30pm and rescued the boy. Police arrested Sariful Islam from the spot and later rounded up the other two.

IU admission test now from Feb 23

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Islamic University (IU) admission test, which was scheduled to begin on November 17 last year, will now start on February 23.

The decision was taken in a meeting held at the administrative building on Wednesday with Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof Abdul Hakim Sarkar in the chair. Deans of the faculties and chairmen of all 22 departments were present.

According to a notice issued by Registrar Dr Moslem Uddin yesterday, the admission test will be held on February 23, 24, 25, and 26.

The IU authorities postponed the admission test on November 12 as teachers of the university were on the agitation demanding removal of the then vice chancellor, pro-vice chan-

cellor and the treasurer for their alleged involvement in irregularities in the recruitment of 132 teachers and officials at the university.

Islamic University Teachers' Association started agitation on September 8 last year following recruitment of the teachers and officials the day before. The deadlock ended after the government removed Prof M Ala Uddin and Prof M Kamal Uddin from the posts of VC and pro-VC on December 27 and January 1.

Prof M Ala Uddin was replaced by Prof Abdul Hakim Sarkar of Dhaka University. No new pro-VC was appointed as of yesterday.

Classes at the university resumed yesterday and the departments concerned announced fresh dates for holding examinations that were also suspended due to the deadlock.

21 held on border

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

BGB members arrested 21 people while they were going to India illegally through Sadipur and Shikri Battala borders in Benapole yesterday.

Rafiqul Islam, Benapole camp commander of 26 BGB, said a patrol team of BGB in separate drives caught them in the afternoon when they were crossing the borders with the help of 'middlemen'.

The arrestees, 13 women and eight men, hailed from different areas of Bhola and Madaripur districts.

Earlier on Tuesday, BGB arrested 14 people, including children and women, while they were intruding into India through Putkhali border.

Rafiqul Islam said a BGB patrol team detained seven men, five women and two children in the morning.

The detainees were residents of different villages of Patuakhali and Bhola districts.



PHOTO: STAR

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

FAKHRUL'S RELEASE DEMANDED

Hartal observed in Comilla, sit-in in Thakurgaon

UNB, Comilla

An eight-hour hartal called by BNP in the district town passed off peacefully at 2:00pm yesterday.

BNP Comilla Dakkhin unit called the hartal, demanding the release of party's acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and withdrawal of the cases against central leaders, including standing committee member Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi.

BNP leaders and activists brought out several processions in the town in the morning in support of the hartal.

All modes of vehicles, except for rickshaws, went off the roads while all educational and business institutions remained closed.

No long distance bus left the city during the hartal hours.

Away in Thakurgaon, district unit BNP observed an hour-long sit-in on the roads of the district town yesterday, demanding

release of Mirza Fakhrul and withdrawal of all false cases against him.

The programme began at 1:00pm and continued till 2:00pm, reports our correspondent.

During the sit-in, several hundred local leaders and activists took position on different points of the road from bus stand to railway station including Thakurgaon intersection, Art Gallery intersection and Tantipara intersection.

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

Prior to the sit-in programme, the BNP men also brought out a procession that paraded different streets of the town.

The programme was followed by a discussion at Thakurgaon intersection where district unit general secretary Toimur Rahman, joint secretary Obaidullah Masud, organising secretary Poigam Ali and others spoke.



PHOTO: STAR

Leaders and activists of AL and BCL on Wednesday besieged Gobindaganj police station in Gaibandha after a local AL leader was 'insulted' by an SI of the PS.

AL, BCL men besiege PS for removal of SI

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Local activists of Awami League and Chhatra League in Gobindaganj upazila on Wednesday besieged Gobindaganj police station, demanding removal of a sub-inspector for his alleged rude behavior with a leader of upazila AL.

They also staged a sit-in in front of the police station to realise the demand.

Police and locals said on secret information, a team of police raided Cheragari village in the upazila on January 18 and arrested 30 Jamaat activists, including its district ameer, while they were holding a secret meeting there. They also seized eight motorbikes from the spot.

Awami League leader

Abul Kalam Azad, chairman of the upazila parishad, came to the PS on Wednesday afternoon and 'asked' the officer in-charge Shiekh Delwer Hossain to release one of the seized motorbikes of one Abdur Razzak of Shakhaher union, said eyewitnesses.

As the SI Abdun Noor of the PS refused to do this, the UP chairman locked in an altercation with him.

As the news spread, the agitating activists of AL and its student wing BCL laid a siege to the police station and demanded removal of the SI.

They however withdrew the protest programme following an assurance by police superintendent AKM Nahidul Islam of taking steps to close the accused SI, said OC Delwar Hossain.

BNP factions in Gopalganj clash

15 injured from both sides

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

At least 15 local activists of BNP were injured in a clash between two factions of the party over distributing handbills and leaflets in the district town on Wednesday night.

Of the injured, Elias Hossain, 48, Tushar Sharif, 32, Tanjid Sheikh, 28 and Nazrul, 26, were admitted to Gopalganj General Hospital while the rest given first aid.

Locals said, the clash took place when president of district unit BNP Sirajul Islam Siraj along with cen-

tral party leader Kazi Asad handed out leaflets and handbills in REB office area in the town.

The rival group, allegedly led by MH Khan Monju, former district president, attacked them following an altercation over the issue.

As the news spread, the supporters of Siraj launched counter attack, leaving 15 from both sides injured. A microbus was also vandalised during the violence.

Following the incident, the central leader left the district for the capital on the same night, said party sources.



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Request for Proposal (RFP)

for Facilitation of 'Training of Trainers on Basic Facilitation Skills'

"Strengthening District Health and Key Service Delivery Systems in Bangladesh (DHSS)"

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- To ensure that critical and life saving MNHFPN interventions are available and delivered at optimal quality of care at the community based service delivery points and from the strategically located facilities.
- To ensure that, through systems strengthening, meaningful community and local government engagement is engendered at the upazilla, union and ward levels to improve demand and supply for MNHFPN care.

DHSS plans to hire an interested and capable Bangladeshi Firm to conduct 3 day 'Training of Trainers' to create a pool of trainers in 3 target districts (i.e. Noakhali, Laksmipur & Bhola). The intended trainers would be a combination of Government and NGO staff, with sufficient level of seniority and/or experience in conducting trainings; 5 persons from each Upazilla.

Save the Children Bangladesh Country Office now requests **Proposal (Technical & Financial)** from interested organizations to facilitate the 'Training of Trainers on Basic Facilitation Skills' for selected participants.

Eligibility: Interested Organizations must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, supported by documentary evidences; for detail eligibility and Terms of Reference (ToR) contact the URL below.

(Send mail to ali.khan@savethechildren.org to get a detailed ToR and eligibility for the proposal) Please write "Facilitation of 'Training of Trainers on Basic Facilitation Skills'" on the top of the envelope which should be dropped at the reception desk before 3.00 pm of February 07, 2013 attention to the following:

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Save the Children intends to hire services of an interested and capable national or international Organization(s) for Baseline Survey to provide district level estimates in three districts i.e. Noakhali, Laksmipur and Bhola. Experience with similar surveys and familiarity with Save the Children/USAID will be an added advantage.

Key assignments:

- Calculate sample size and develop sampling frame
- Mapping and listing of Recently Delivered Women (RDW)
- Adapt tools for survey on Maternal Newborn Health, Family Planning & nutrition (MNHFPN) and Health Systems
- Develop data quality assurance system
- Pretesting of the tools
- Conduct data collection
- Enter data
- Data analysis
- Prepare report

Save the Children Bangladesh Country Office now requests **Proposal (Technical & Financial)** form interested organizations to conduct a 'Baseline Survey' in the three target districts.

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All interested organizations are invited to attend a pre bid orientation at Venus (conference room), SCI office, 10 AM on 31st January 2013.



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