

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Indefinite transport strike

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Eight associations of transport owners and workers will jointly enforce an indefinite transport strike in the district today, demanding a ban on unauthorised plying of Nasimon, Karimon, Mahendra and Bhotbhoti and easy bikes on highways. Due to the transport strike, no vehicles will leave Bagerhat for other places including two neighbouring districts of Pirojpur and Khulna. Bagerhat owners' association sources said that the decision was taken at a joint meeting of owners and workers at the local association office on April 29.

80 kids fall sick

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Over 80 students of Teota Academy in Shivalaya upazila fell sick with severe stomach pain yesterday. The sick students of classes six and ten were admitted to the upazila health complex. They hailed from Teota, Dakkhin Teota, Maluchi, Samejghar and Shatghar villages. Headmaster Mozammel Haque said, one Sonia complained of abdominal pain after attending assembly at the school and later other students fell sick within a short time. Upazila health and family planning officer Dr Abdul Halim Mollah said the students were affected with psychogenic illness popularly known as mass hysteria.

Youth jailed for stalking

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A mobile court sentenced a youth to one year's imprisonment for sexually harassing a schoolgirl in Pirganj upazila on Wednesday. The convict was Mamun, 22, son of Mazibar Rahman of Raghunathpur village. Officer in-charge of Pirganj police station said the youth used to stalk the girl on her way to school. At the time of stalking, locals caught Mamun on the day and handed him over to police. He was produced before the court, led by executive magistrate Enamul Haque, who pronounced the verdict.

'Missing' 4 land in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Five youths of Kakua union in Sadar upazila, who, what their family had claimed, were abducted by fake Detective Brach (DB) of police on April 21, have landed in Dhaka Central Jail. The youths are Shahidul Islam, Shukur Ali, Nurul Islam and Ahez Uddin Mondol of Kalikeotil village and Monirul Islam Monir of Ramdevpur. In fact, a team of DB police arrested the five in the district town in a case filed with Paltan police station in the capital for hijacking a microbus after killing its driver from Ghatail in Tangail in 2009, said Bodiuzzaman Faruque, chairman of the union parishad. On April 23, family members at a press conference had claimed that a team of fake DB police picked up the youths from the area and since then they remained missing, said the UP chairman.



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Brigadier General Firoz Rashid, BGB regional commander of Rangpur region, and SK Sudh, inspector general of BSF Pashchimbanga region, shake hands at a flag meeting held at Hili check post under Hakimpur upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.

SCHOOLS RISKY, DECLARED ABANDONED

Kids attend classes under open sky, or on veranda

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Students of three primary schools in Jamalpur, Pabna and Patuakhali districts are attending their classes under the open sky or on the veranda due to awful condition of the buildings of the institutions.

In Barisal, another primary school has been declared abandoned after falling plaster injured four kids.

Students of Sultankhali Registered Primary School at Durmuth village in Melandah upazila of Jamalpur are attending classes on the school's veranda due to risky condition of its building, reports our correspondent.

Headmaster Md Hafizur Rahman said that the roofs of two classrooms, out of three, are in bad condition.

"We stopped taking classes in the rooms after a fifth grade student got injured in roof collapse on March 18", he said.

Earlier, we urged the authorities concerned to construct a new building but they turned a blind eye to the matter, said the headmaster.

On 18 September, 2011, the building was declared abandoned, school sources said.

Contacted, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) engineer Md Mubarak Hossain said that they had sent a letter to the higher authorities but to no effect yet.

Away in Pabna, students of Bera BB Model Government Primary School are attending classes amid a fear of roof collapse, reports our correspondent.

Over 10 students were injured as plasters from dilapidated roof fell on them in a year but the authorities are yet to take any initiative to renovate them, said teachers.

Rakib Hasan and Mehedi Hasan of class four were seriously injured as plasters of the roof fell on them on April 11.

Contacted, Bera upazila education officer Md Mahafuzur Rahman said that they had urged the authorities concerned for repair of the roofs.

"We had proposed for a new school building on December 12 last year but no initiative is taken yet", he said.

Md Raju Ahmed, engi-



PHOTO: STAR

As the school buildings are in bad shape, kids attend classes under the open sky at a school in Baufal upazila of Patuakhali, middle, on veranda of a school in Melandah upazila of Jamalpur. Bottom, classes go on under 'risky' roof in Bera upazila of Pabna.

neer of LGED, Bera, said they sent a letter to the higher authorities for funds.

In Patuakhali, students of Uttar Kalaiya Government Primary School under Baufal upazila are taking their classes under the open sky as cracks were detected in the school building a week ago, reports our correspondent.

On April 25, a piece of plaster of the roof fell on class five students, creating a panicky situation, said headmaster Nazir Ahmed. However, none was injured, he said.

The building was constructed by LGED in 1996, said the headmaster.

According to our Barisal correspondent, the authorities last week declared Hapania Government Primary School in Gournadi abandoned after four students were injured in a roof collapse.

The school building was constructed by LGED at a cost of Tk 4.2 lakh in 1992-93 fiscal.

Class one student Monir Hossain was injured on Saturday while Anisur Rahman, Robin and Anikol of class five, sustained injuries the following day after plasters of the roof collapsed on them, said headmaster SM Khalilur Rahman.

Earlier, the headmaster and assistant teacher Mawana Yusuf Ali were injured on April 24.

Upazila primary education officer Rafikul Islam said they would send a letter to the higher authorities for immediate construction of a new school building.



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Students pay for teachers' feud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Classes at a high school in Khansama upazila are being severely hampered since April 7 due to teachers' internal conflict.

Receiving a complaint from the guardians of the students, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Md. Ziaul Haque last week visited Chawk-Sakoya High School and asked the headmaster to resume classes immediately.

The headmaster yesterday resumed classes after a three-week suspension but the all 11 teachers continued their 'non-cooperation' protesting issuance of a show cause to one of their colleagues by him (headmaster).

Earlier, protesting the teachers' strike, students of the school staged demonstrations and locked the school on April 19. The agitating students said they would not attend classes until the conflict among the teachers is resolved.

Headmaster Md. Tahidul Islam served a show cause notice on Assistant

Headmaster Md. Zulfikar Rahman in the first week of April, bringing a charge of misconduct against him.

The action triggered discontent among the teachers, who went on a strike on April 7, demanding withdrawal of the notice.

Contacted, Assistant Headmaster Zulfikar Rahman said he submitted an application to the managing committee last year for enhancement of his salary.

"Recently, the headmaster and the committee members asked me to give them Tk 30,000 to take my appeal into their cognizance, but I refused to pay the money," Zulfikar said.

Refuting the allegation, Abdur Razzak, president of the school managing committee, said the committee members did not put any pressure on the teacher to give money for his salary rise.

Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not contact headmaster Tahidul Islam for his comment as his cellphone remained switched off.

Extortionists kill minor boy after abduction

'Friends' kill teenager after dispute over cricket match

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Extortionists have killed a schoolboy after abduction in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha, reports our correspondent.

Police said a gang picked up Rocky Babu, 7, son of Mohiful Islam of Nayapara village while he was flying kite at a ground near his house on Wednesday morning.

Minera Begum, mother of Babu, filed a case with Gobindaganj police station accusing four people and police arrested one Hiron from the area.

Hiron confessed to police that they abducted Babu and killed him by suffocation. As per his statement, police later recovered the body of the boy from a cowshed, said Mehdi Hasan, OC (investigation) of Gobindaganj PS.

The criminals did it after failing to realise toll from the boy's father Mohiful, a Malaysia expatriate, he added.

In Thakurgaon, a teenage boy was murdered allegedly by his 'friends' at Gobindaganj village in the district town on Monday afternoon as a sequel to previous altercation over a cricket match.

The dead was identified as Khairul Islam, 14, a worker at a plastic-pipe factory in Thakurgaon BISIC area and son of Md. Muslim of Gobindaganj village, reports our correspondent.

Police and local sources

said, Khairul and Masud Rana on April 27 engaged in an altercation over betting in a cricket match of ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL).

Two days later, a group of 15-16 teenage boys allegedly led by Md. Masud Rana, 20, and Mahbub Hossain, 17, took Khairul Islam to a place behind Faruk's tea stall in the area at about 1:30pm and beat him up with sticks.

After a few minutes they took him to a nearby Delwar's litchi orchard and beat him again, leaving him seriously injured.

Later, the boys brought him to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital and admitted him saying that Khairul was hurt in a road accident.

As his condition deteriorated fast, he was referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital but he succumbed to his injuries at Syedpur in Nilphamari district on his way to RMCH at 5:30pm.

On Tuesday night, Khairul's father Md. Muslim filed a murder case against eighteen boys.

In Sherpur, a drug addict killed a minor boy by stabbing him mercilessly with an axe in Sribardi upazila here on Tuesday evening, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Shanto, 5, son of Shamiul Huq of Datua village under the upazila.

Family members and locals said, drug addict Nur Muhammad, 30, son of Ashraf Ali, stabbed Sahnto when the boy was playing in the bed room of their house.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 91 OF 2013

IN THE MATTER OF:

An application under Section 151 of the Companies Act, 1994

IN THE MATTER OF:

AND

A.A.M Zakaria

Managing Director

a Public Limited Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1994 having its registered office at 23, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.

..... Petitioner.

-VERSUS-

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, T.C.B Bhaban (6th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.

..... Respondent.

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 151 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh By the petitioner for condonation of delay for filing Share Allotment Return to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms. Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Md. Rezaul Hasan has admitted the aforesaid application on 25.04.2013 and fixed for appearance on 16.05.2013. Any person interested in the aforesaid application may appear before the Hon'ble Court. A copy of the aforesaid application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

(Jashimuddin Ahmed)

Advocate

Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Ga-165/1, Moahkhali, Dhaka-1212.



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