

BCL men assault 2 HSTU teachers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two teachers of Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) were assaulted allegedly by BCL activists on the campus in Dinajpur town yesterday as a candidate of the activists has been rejected for a university job.

The two teachers -- one of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) department and another of Agro Forestry department -- alleged that around 25 BCL activists led by Arun Kanti Roy, general secretary of BCL HSTU unit, beat them up. Vice-Chancellor Prof Ruhul Amin also confirmed the incident.

Five teachers and 40 officials and employees have been appointed by the university authorities while Arun's girlfriend rejected for the post of section officer, university sources said.

Hearing the news, the BCL men assaulted the teachers to create panic among the other teachers and staff, added the sources.

However, Iftekhar Ahmed Real, president of BCL HSTU unit, and Arun denied the allegation of assault but they said they have only declared the two teachers unwanted on the campus.

The university unit of BCL yesterday submitted a memorandum to the VC, demanding cancellation of appointment of the two teachers whom they branded as Islami Chhtra Shibir activists. They also threatened to enforce an indefinite strike on the campus from today if their demand is not fulfilled.

A three-member probe committee was formed at an emergency meeting with the VC in the chair in the evening to investigate the matter.

Poverty, trauma tags Rana Plaza survivor



Life has become a struggle for Aklima Begum, a survivor of Rana Plaza collapse suffering from internal injuries, and her 18-month-old son. She is financially insolvent and unable to bear her treatment expenses. The photo was taken recently at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Barisal. PHOTO: STAR

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

Aklima Begum survived the deadly Rana Plaza factory building collapse, but the suffering she undergoes now with poverty and trauma is even more painful.

Pocketing the Tk 20,000 she got as compensation after the April 24 collapse, her husband Ismail left Aklima and their 18-month-old son without a trace.

"I have lost everything...my earning source, husband and physical and mental fitness," an ailing Aklima, 26, told The Daily Star recently. She is now being treated at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Barisal (SBMCH,B).

On the day of the tragic collapse that killed 1,130 plus workers and left hundreds of others injured, Aklima went to the gate of New Star Garments, housed in Rana Plaza, around 7:30am to receive her salary.

She hesitated entering the factory, as she was informed of cracks in the building. But the factory supervisor assured that everything was alright and that the salary would be paid after they had worked till afternoon.

The building collapsed in an hour.

"I was pressed under a machine and a beam and saw many dying. I became

unconscious," she said, adding that she discovered herself in a nearby clinic a few hours later.

After eight days of treatment, Aklima went back to her Padma village residence in Mathbaria, Barguna, along with the compensation. This is when Ismail, a Savar shop employee, left with the money.

Aklima came to Dhaka in search of Ismail, but in vain. She again got sick and admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. After a week, doctors released her and prescribed rest at home on finding no fracture.

Aklima returned home but could not eat any solid food. Her health deteriorated, forcing her to take admission at SBMCH,B on June 17.

Dr Zahirul Islam Manik, a surgeon at SBMCH,B, said Aklima received internal injuries, especially in the stomach and gut, and needs surgery and counselling to recover from the trauma.

With her poor parents unable to finance her treatment or living, Aklima is in dire straits. "I do not know how I can survive and bear expenses for my treatment, son and parents. It seems death would have been better for me," she said.

EC to decide on holding DCC polls after Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission will take a decision on holding elections to the bifurcated Dhaka City Corporation after Eid-ul-Fitr, if all the legal barriers regarding delimitation of city corporation boundaries are removed in Ramadan, said Election Commissioner Md Shah Nawaz.

"The commission will hold the DCC elections, but the Local Government Division will create the necessary ground for holding the polls," he said while talking to reporters at his office at the EC Secretariat in the capital.

The government recently incorporated Sultanganj union of Kamrangirchar and Hazaribagh Police Station area in ward no. 57. While delimiting, the LGD used CS record, which is very old, and the delimitation has not been done properly, he said.

"We have asked the local government to revise the delimitation. If it is done, we will be able to make the voter lists properly, and then we will hold the elections," said Shah

Nawaz.

Besides, Uttara Society has appealed for bringing areas from sector no. 11 to 14 under the city corporation. Additionally, the inhabitants of some areas including Niketon, Rupnagar, Turag, Dakkhinkhan, Bhatara, and Pallabi have appealed to the LGD to be included in the city corporation.

About this, the commissioner said, "If new areas are incorporated in the city corporation areas, it must be delimited as per the Local Government (City Corporation) Act, 2009."

About polls-time government, he said, "It's not our concern what type of government may stay in power during the election period. Rather, our main concern is to hold free, fair and credible elections."

The number of polling centres will be increased in the next parliamentary elections as the number of voters has been increased, he said.

However, he could not say how many centres would be increased.

DEVELOPMENT OF ADOLESCENTS Generation Breakthrough project launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government launched a project yesterday aiming to groom boys and girls aged between 10 and 19 so that they become responsible, non-violent, healthy and happy individuals.

The project titled "Generation Breakthrough" sets on building healthy relationships to primarily prevent gender-based violence, meet sexual and reproductive healthcare needs and establish rights of adolescents.

Another goal is to also create related awareness among adolescents.

The project will be implemented in four districts -- Dhaka, Barisal, Patuakhali and Barguna -- targeting to reach 2,80,000 adolescent boys and girls.

United Nations Population Fund and Plan International Bangladesh will provide technical support in implementing the project while Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will provide the financial support.

Economic Relations Division Secretary Abul Kalam Azad unveiled the project logo as chief guest at the launching ceremony in the capital's Kobi Sufia Kamal auditorium in Bangladesh National Museum.

Women and Children Affairs Secretary Tariq-Ul-Islam and Education Ministry Additional Secretary Iqbal Khan Chowdhury were also present.

VIOLENCE OVER QUOTA IN BCS PRELIMINARY TEST Fate of four arrestees still uncertain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) preliminary examination results came out twice last week opening opportunities for the 46,250 qualifying candidates, the violence taking place in-between shadowed the future of some youths.

Among the youths are Shahidur Rahman Shamim, 21, a 4th year finance student of Jagannath University; Mohammad Maruf, 23, studying Islamic studies at Shaheed Suhrawardi College; Mohammad Ershad, 25, studying physics at Jagannath University; and Mohammad Jahangir Hossain Bhuiyan, 22, studying English at Kabi Nazrul Government College.

Their fate hangs in uncertainty as they languish in jail after a Dhaka court rejected both petitions -- for their remand and bail.

Police picked them up from Central Shaheed Minar on Friday around 12:00 noon on suspicion of involvement in Thursday's violence carried out by protesters demanding removal of the quota provision from public service exams. Shahidur said the four of them resided in a rented residence in the capital's Swamibag.

"Being Friday, we came to visit Shaheed Minar and had plans to say our prayers at Baitul Mukkaram," he told this correspon-

dent on Saturday morning at Shahbagh Police Station. The four were taken before a court from there.

"Initially, police checked our cellphones and let us go. Then, they again stopped us and took us to Ramna Police Station," he claimed. Claiming to be innocent, Shahidur lamented that they were not released since they were not Dhaka University (DU) students. "We do not have big shots to give undertakings on our behalf," he added.

Police released 31 of the 36 persons detained in this connection on Friday. Among the released were 13 DU students and an acquaintance of DU acting proctor Amzad Ali.

Amzad, who gave an undertaking for the release of the 14, told The Daily Star, "There was no specific proof of their involvement in Thursday's violence." Shahbagh Police Station Officer-in-Charge Sirajul Islam said, "We sent the four to court on suspicion of involvement in violence."

Hailing from Comilla, Shahidur's father told The Daily Star on Saturday, "My son has his honours final exam tomorrow. But running between Ramna and Shahbagh police stations since last night, I could not do anything to get his release."

The protest to remove quota provision from BCS preliminary examination began on Wednesday.

ACC approves charges against Prime Bank official

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday approved submission of a charge sheet in a case filed against a Prime Bank official and its 15 clients for misappropriating over Tk 1.98 crore of depositors' money.

Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, a junior officer of Pabna branch of Prime Bank, with the 15 others misappropriated the money through cashing fake bank cheques and vouchers, issuing false clearance and false transaction between May 2010 and June 2012, said ACC officials.

The misappropriation of money took place when Hasanuzzaman was the in-charge of the clearing section, which dealt with state-run Sonali Bank for making payment against clients' cheques issued from other banks.

ACC filed the case with Pabna Police Station on June 18 last year.



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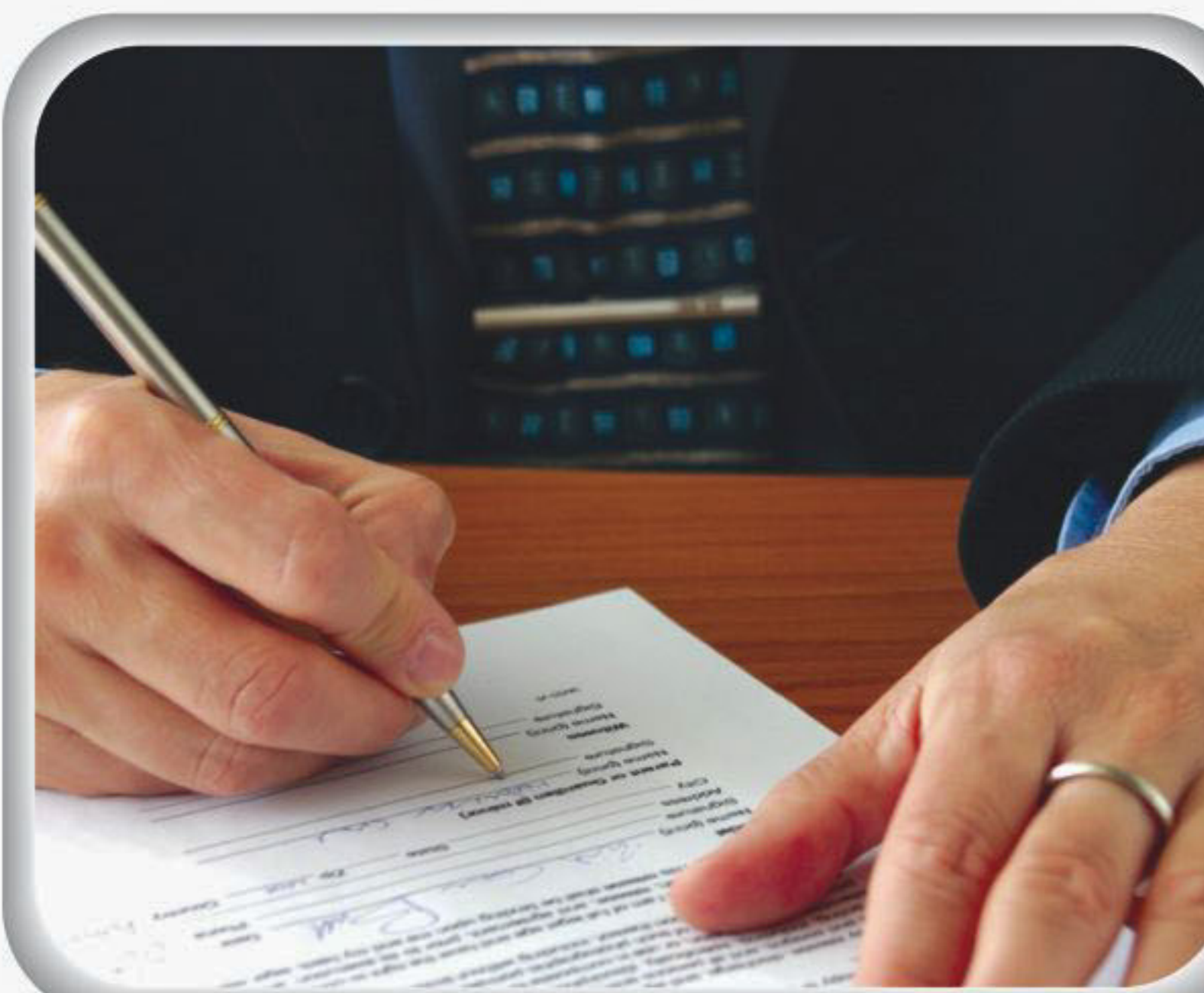
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