

MP Rony's men still using schoolroom as party office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A faction of Galachipa unit of Awami League backed by lawmaker Golam Maula Rony is yet to leave the classroom it has been using as party office at Galachipa Model High School for the last three years, ignoring the school authorities' notice issued in this regard two and a half years ago.

Internal feud in the upazila unit surfaced in 2010 after a group led by union president Harun-ur-Rashid protested Rony's alleged involvement in anti-party activities in the area. They left Rony and formed a new upazila unit with Harun-ur-Rashid and Golam Mostafa as president and general secretary.

Lawmaker Rony formed another committee of the upazila Awami League and

his supporters Rezaul Karim and Shahidul Alam were made president and general secretary of the unit.

As Harun group captured the upazila AL office, Rony asked his men to arrange a room at the school to use as a meeting place. Accordingly, Rezaul Karim and Shahidul Alam requested the Headmaster Shah Alam of Galachipa Model High School in writing to offer a room at the school for the MP.

Later, the school authorities let them use a classroom in exchange for Tk 4,000 per month and took an advance of Tk one lakh from them after the signing of an agreement.

Later, Harun-ur-Rashid, leader of the anti-Rony faction, filed a complaint with the director general (DG) of the Secondary and Higher Education in Dhaka, saying that law-

maker Rony and his men captured a classroom of Galachipa Model High School for carrying out their illegal activities. After investigating the matter, the DG office issued a letter to the headmaster and the chairman of the managing committee on February 1, 2011, asking them to free the classroom from Rony and his men.

As per order, headmaster Shah Alam served a notice on Rezaul Karim and Shahidul Alam, leaders of the Rony backed AL faction, on February 26, 2011 to remove their office from the school. Two and a half years have elapsed, Rony's men are yet to leave the classroom.

Headmaster Shah Alam and ex-member of the school managing committee Nasir Uddin told this correspondent that they rented the room to Rony's

men as he put pressure on them. Later, they made it (room) party office and started carrying out activities, hampering the academic activities of the institution.

As per contact, Rony's men didn't pay the monthly rent, alleged Headmaster Shah Alam and ex-committee member Nasir Uddin.

It was stated in the contract signed with Rony's men that they must leave the classroom within a month from the date of issuance of a letter by the school authorities in this regard, but they didn't pay heed to it, said the headmaster.

However, Shahidul Alam, general secretary of pro-Rony faction of AL upazila unit, yesterday said they would leave the classroom of the school as early as possible.

533 Satkhira Jamaat-Shibir men sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

At least 533 local Jamaat-Shibir men were sued in Kalaroa upazila early yesterday on charge of attacking law enforcers and obstructing them from performing duties.

Sub-Inspector Liakat Ali of Sarashkathi police camp filed the case. Of the accused, 33 were identified.

More than 500 armed Jamaat-Shibir men attacked the camp and snatched away Kalaroa upazila unit Jamaat secretary general Altaf Hossain from police custody an hour after he was arrested on Sunday on charge of vandalism and felling trees during the Jamaat enforced hartal on March 2, said locals.

The law enforcers came under the attack when arrested Altaf was handed over to a union parishad member after he fell sick at the police station, said SI Liaquat.

Meanwhile, police arrested a leader and an activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir at Tabalchhari Madrasapara in Matiranga upazila of Khagrachhari district on Sunday, reports UNB.

The arrestees are Nuruzzaman, 25, former president of Panchhari upazila unit Shibir and Joynal Abedin, 20, an activist of the district unit of the party.

Police superintendent Sheikh Mizanur Rahman said when a group of 15-20 Jamaat-Shibir men were holding a clandestine meeting, a police team raided the area and arrested the duo while the rest managed to flee.

Teacher dies after falling off rooftop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A schoolteacher died after falling off the rooftop of a five-storey building at Krishnanagar village in Jhikargachha upazila on Sunday night.

A teacher of Navaran Burujbagan Pilot Girls' High School in Sharsha upazila, the deceased was identified as Sushil Kumar Ghosh, 42, son of Adhir Kumar Ghosh of Dostina village.

The victim's relatives said, Sushil slipped off the roof of the building and fell to the ground as he went there at night to bring back some clothes hung for drying,

AL, Swechchhasebok Dal clash in Bhola: 50 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

More than 50 people including four policemen were injured as local activists of the ruling Awami League (AL) and Jatiyatabadi Swechchhasebok Dal of opposition BNP clashed in Daulatkhana upazila yesterday morning.

Witnesses said, local Swechchhasebok Dal leaders and activists were holding a discussion meeting at the BNP office at Daulatkhana Bazar in the morning, making the front organisation's founding anniversary.

All of a sudden a group of AL men equipped with sticks and brick chips swooped on the office at about 10.30am.

They vandalised the office and beat up a photo-journalist of Dainik Dinkal as he tried to take snaps of the incident.

At one stage, Swechchhasebok Dal activists chased the attackers, triggering a clash that lasted for about two hours.

During the chase and counter-chase, more than 50 people were injured from both groups.

Seriously injured 15

include upazila BNP president Abdul Mannan Mia, secretary Nazim Uddin Hawladar and municipal BNP chief Harunur Rashid Khan. They were admitted to Sadar Hospital and upazila health complex.

Around 40 others took first aid at local clinics.

Officer in-charge of Daulatkhana police station Mojibul Haque said, on information, they rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

He identified the injured policemen as SI Abdul Sobhan, ASI Reaz and two constables.

SNIPPETS

Man stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A man was stabbed to death at Kalikapur in Singra upazila yesterday morning. Identified as Mohammad Ali Mollah, 57, he was an activist of Kalom union unit of AL and a resident of Nasiarkandi village of the upazila. Police and locals said a gang swooped on Mohammad Ali in sluice gate area of Kalikapur in the morning and chopped him with sharp weapons when he was returning home from Nazirpur bazar in the same upazila, leaving him dead on the spot. Police suspected that Mohammad might have been killed following previous enmity with the family members of one Karim Uddin of the area.

JCD activist held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activist was arrested along with firearms and five bullets at Dakkhin Chartha in the district yesterday. The arrestee was identified as Ripon Hasan Titu, 20, of the area and activist of district Chhatra Dal's city mayor Monirul Haq Sakku group. Officer in-charge Mohiuddin Mahomood of Kotwali PS said, on secret information, a team of police raided a house in Dakkhin Chartha area at around 6.30am and arrested Ripon with the arms.

Arms, ammo seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in a drive recovered two pistols, six bullets and two magazines from Navaran Bazar on the Benapole-Jessore road on Sunday night. Commanding officer Lt. Colonel Matiur Rahman of BGB 26 Battalion said, on secret information that smugglers along with some arms were going to Jessore town from India, a team of BGB raided the area and recovered two pistols, six bullets and two magazines contained in a bag in an abandoned condition.

Kalapara to have third sea port

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The government is mulling to set up a port on the bank of the River Ramnabad in Kalapara upazila.

A submarine station will also be set up in the area.

Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan came up with the announcement after visiting Charipara area, a proposed site of the port, in the upazila on Saturday.

The authorities have taken a plan to set up the country's third sea port at a cost of Tk 11,000 crore and a PDPP (Pre-development Project Proposal) has already been prepared in this regard, said the minister.

The cabinet already approved the proposal to establish the port which would be placed before JS in September to get its nod, he said.

Earlier, a team led by Captain Arif Mahmud, member of Chittagong Port Authority (Harbor and Marine), visited the spot on July 17 last year.

During the visit, the team found many positive signs to set up deep sea port in the area as it is deeper than Mongla and Chittagong sea ports, said Arif Mahmud.

On May 21 this year, the minister at a public rally had announced that the third port will be set up in Kalapara.

Robbers kill expat's wife

UNB, Sunamganj

Robbers looted valuables from an expatriate's house killing a woman at Mollikipur in the district town early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Rupia Begum, wife of Fazar Ali, an expatriate in the UK.

Victim's family members said, armed robbers stormed into the house of Fazar at

about 1:45 am. The gang took the family members hostage at gunpoint and looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables from the house.

As Rupia tried to resist the robbers, the gang members stabbed her with sharp weapons indiscriminately, leaving her dead on the spot.

Hearing the scream of the family members, locals rushed in but they could not catch the robbers.



PHOTO: STAR

Shop owners at Battala Bazar in Barisal city keep the shutters of their shops down yesterday, protesting an anti-polythene drive carried out by a mobile court.

Besieged by agitated traders, mobile court reduces fine

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A mobile court was besieged by agitating businessmen at Battala Bazaar in the city yesterday when it went there to carry out an anti-polythene drive.

Witnesses said a mobile team of DoE, led by administrative magistrates Muktadir Hussain and Papiya Sultana, DoE officials and staffs, launched anti-polythene drive at one of the largest kitchen markets in the city at noon.

During the drive, the businessmen started to shut their shops after the court seized about 5 kg polythene and fined five shops.

When the court fined Zaman Store, a grocery, Tk 30 thousand, the businessman protested it terming it a high amount and besieged

the magistrates and staffs of the court.

In face of the protest, the court revised the fined amount and reduced it to Tk 1,000 from Tk. 30,000.

Sukumar Biswas, director, divisional DoE office, acknowledging the incident, however aid that the mobile court members were not besieged by the businessmen. They protested the drive only by pulling their shutters down, he said.

The situation cooled down after the court took bonds from the offenders and agreed to reduce the fined amount, he added.

The fined five shops were Hawladar Store, Latif Store (each Tk. 500), Zaman Store, Saad Bakery, New Alam Store (each Tk. 1,000), the DoE official said.

In Manikganj, a

Department of Environment (DoE) team yesterday fined three businesses Tk. 7 lakh for violating environment laws, reports our correspondent.

The team fined Bangladesh Agricultural Industries, a pesticide manufacturing industry, Tk. 3 lakh for not using ETP plant.

It imposed a fine of Tk. 2 lakh on Corbel International, another pesticide manufacturing industry, for not obtaining environmental clearance. The two industries are situated at BSCIC estate in Sadar upazila.

The DoE team also fined M/S Ma-Babar Doa Saw Mill at Kokorhati village under Bolora union of Harirampur upazila Tk. 2 lakh for setting it up in a residential area.

BCL men hold 2

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newly built dormitory Bijoy '71 and later transferred them to room No 319 of Bangabandhu Hall.

They also took away Tk 23,000 in cash from the duo and demanded more in ransom, according to the statement in the case filed in this connection.

The incident came to the fore after the mason, Md Russell, and his associate, Zakir Hossain, escaped and jumped from the third floor of the hall after being assaulted, said campus sources.

Some students found the duo, took them to the guest room and contacted the proctor.

DU acting proctor Amzad Ali said the victims mentioned the names of Sohel,

identified as a history department student, and Apu, whose studentship could not be confirmed, as members of the gang.

The university will take action against offenders after investigation, he added.

Sohel, a resident student of room 319 at Bangabandhu Hall, refuted the allegation saying, "The finger was pointed at me as I am involved in BCL politics." He blamed his roommate Prince, a political science student, for the incident.

OC Enamul Haque of Kalabagan Police Station said the case was filed against four named and three unnamed persons. Police have started a drive to arrest the culprits, he added.



PHOTO: STAR

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday inaugurated an intersection at Uthuly turning point on Dhaka-Aricha Highway where Razia Begum, acting secretary of the women and children affairs ministry, and Siddikur Rahman, chairman of BSCIC, were killed in a road accident on July 31, 2010.

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ILLEGAL TRAVEL TO MALAYSIA

37 detained in Cox's Bazar

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) members yesterday detained 24 Bangladeshis in Teknaf upazila of the district while they were trying to go to Malaysia illegally.

A team of 42 BGB Battalion rounded them up from different points of Shahpari Island under the upazila at around 5:00am while preparing to leave for Malaysia by sea, said Major Shafiqur Rahman, acting commander of the battalion.

Eight of the detainees hailed from Comilla, seven from Narsingdi, four from Cox's Bazar two from Rajshahi, two others from Faridpur and one from Barguna districts.

On Saturday night, members of Bangladesh Coastguard detained 13 others from Teknaf.

Acting on a tip-off, a Coastguard team

from Teknaf east zone raided the bazaar at about 11:45pm and arrested the Bangladeshis who gathered there to go to Malaysia illegally by sea route.

The arrestees are Md Sirajul Islam, 50, son of late Fazlur Rahman, Md Gazi Islam, 25, son of Shahidul Islam of Jhikargachha in Jessore; Abdullah, 18, son of Abul Hossain, Md Ilias, 26, son of Khalil Miah, Md Ali Hossain, 25, son of Abdul Quader, Md Nazrul Islam, 18, son of Md Mustafa of Banchharampur in Brahmanbaria; Md Imam Hossain, 26, son of Nurul Haque of Patuakhali; Md Yeasin Ahmed, 20, son of Ismail Miah, Bachchu Miah, 35, son of Abdus Salam, Md Afzal Miah, 22, son of Lal Miah, Md Jasim Uddin, 31, Rafiqul Islam, 18, sons of Afaz Uddin, and Md Keramat Ali, 25, son of Md Manik of Arahazar in Narayanganj.

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