

# AL men turn railway quarter into 'club'

Officials dare not take any action as a top district leader leads the team

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

A well furnished house at the railway staff quarters beside the residence of Lalmonirhat railway divisional engineer in the town is being used for pastime following its illegal occupation allegedly by ruling Awami League (AL) men a month ago.

A district level leader of AL also inaugurated a club named "Winner Club" at the flat beside Balatari Shishu Park in Lalmonirhat town in the middle of last month.

"The railway staff quarter flat has been occupied in the name of a so-called club that is yet to see any committee. Nobody dare protest the evil act as the district leader inaugurated it," said a local AL leader seeking anonymity.

It was not possible to contact with the AL leader

under question as his mobile was found switched.

The railway staff quarter flat No TLE 417 became vacant in August this year following transfer of the previous allottee, a railway official, to another place, Lalmonirhat railway engineering office sources said.

Meantime, local AL men took broke open the doors staff quarter and took it under their control in the name of club.

Saidur Rahman Chowdhury, senior sub assistant engineer of railway infrastructure works in Lalmonirhat Railway Engineering Department, admitted that local AL men grabbed the staff quarter in the name of 'Winner Club'.

"The railway officials dare not take any action as district AL leader inaugurated the club. I have already

informed the higher authority concerned of the matter," he said.

Local people alleged the grabbed railway staff quarter in the name of

Winner Club is seen very crowded all the time especially at night.

Not only AL men, many identified notorious young gather there until midnight.

As there is no committee formed for the club, so nobody agree to deliver any comment disclosing their names, resulting it was not possible to collect any comment from the grabber gang.

Contacted, Ahsan Zahir, divisional engineer of Lalmonirhat Railway Division under West Zone, said, "I do not know the matter. I will take proper step to free the staff quarter if the matter is found true."



PHOTO: STAR

Ruling Awami League men occupied this house belonging to the railway staff quarters at Balatari in Lalmonirhat town in the name of a club around one month ago but the authorities failed to take any action against the influential offenders.



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Workers sort potatoes to separate the damaged ones at a cold storage in Birganj upazila under Dinajpur district as farmers and traders who had stored the item there have stopped drawing it amid continued fall of price of the widely consumed vegetable.

## FALLOUT OF PRICE DIP

# Farmers stop drawing potato from cold storages in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Farmers in the district have stopped drawing potato from cold storages as price of their produce continues to fall in wholesale and retail markets.

According to the officials of the Department of Agriculture Extension [DAE], around 7.5 lakh tonnes of potato were produced on 40,000 hectares of land in the district during the last season.

As the price was low at the beginning of potato harvest time, the farmers stored their produce in the cold storages, hoping that the

price would go up gradually in the wholesale and retail markets.

Md Abdur Razzak, a potato grower of Birganj upazila, said he stored 200 sacks (each contains two maunds) of potato in Rahbar Cold Storage in the upazila. He had to spend Tk 800 to produce each sack of potato and pay Tk 360 as cold storage charge for the same amount.

"One sack of potato in local market is priced at Tk 700. So, I have to incur Tk 460 (market price + cold storage charge) for each sack," Razzak said, added that he has stopped drawing potato from the cold storage

to avoid further loss.

Cold storage operators said the farmers and traders usually collect their potatoes in August, but they are not coming even in September to draw potatoes.

Azizur Rahman Hiru, manager of Rahbar Cold Storage, said they need to operate the cold storage for extra time as farmers are yet to come to draw their potatoes.

While visiting a local market yesterday, this correspondent found that potato was being sold for Tk 7 to 9 per kilogram, while it was sold at Tk 18 to 22 last year.

## SNIPPETS

### Outlaw held in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Detective police arrested an alleged operative of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) at Khoksa bus stand in the town yesterday afternoon. They also seized a pistol and 13 bullets from his possession. The arrestee is Babul Sadar, 28, a top cadre of the outfit and son of Mohon Sardar of Khoksa upazila. On secret information, a team of DB police raided the bus stand area and arrested Babul along with the arms and bullets. The arrestee is a close associate of GMF regional leader Abdur Rashid Tikka, who was killed in crossfire with Rab in 2007.

### Train kills UP member

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A local union parishad (UP) member was killed as a speeding train hit him on Lalmonirhat- Burimari route at Beltoli Masjidpar railway level crossing in Patgram upazila yesterday noon. The deceased is Afaz Uddin alias Bhodol Miah, 45, a member of Patgram union parishad. Police said, a Lalmonirhat-bound train from Burimari land port station hit Afaz's motorbike, leaving him dead on the spot.

### Two kids drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Two children drowned in a pond at Gitalpara village in Boda upazila of Panchagarh district yesterday afternoon. The deceased are Nahin, 5, son of Abdul Kader and his cousin Mahin, 5, son of Abdul Khalil of the village. Family sources said the duo fell into the pond near their homes and drowned when they went to pluck water lily. Later, locals found the bodies floating on the pond.

### BRUR admission tests

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

The admission tests for the first year honours courses at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur for the academic session 2013-2014 will begin on December 11. The decision was taken at an academic council meeting of the university recently. The online registration process for the tests against a total of 1,260 seats with 60 seats in each of the 21 departments under the six faculties will continue from September 25 to November 25. Admission seekers have been asked to visit the university websites www.brur.ac.bd and www.admission.brur.ac.bd for further details.

### 'Mugger' beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

An alleged mugger was killed in mob beating at Kazipara in the town yesterday. The deceased was identified as Md Billa Mia, 26, son of Md Kuddus Mia of the area and a microbus driver. Police said locals and students of Tajbidul Quran Hafjia Madrasa caught Billa red handed while he was fleeing after taking away two mobile phone sets from a room of the madrasa in the early morning. They beat him up, leaving him critically injured. Later, he died at hospital.

### Shibir leader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police afternoon seized huge numbers of jihadi books, provocative leaflets and some locally made weapons from a student mess in the city and arrested Monwar Hossain, vice president of Islami Chhatra Shibir of Rangpur Carmichael College unit on Tuesday.



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1.	Fuze Manufacturing Plant for 60 mm & 82 mm MORTER, 105 mm, 122 mm and 130 mm HOWITZER	28 October 2013 1300 hrs	29 October 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	Foreign	Tk.5000/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.167.65.6813.13.14 dt- 10-09-2013
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11.	Non CFC Gas 134A	21 October 2013 1300 hrs	22 October 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	Local	300/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.50.4856.13.14, dt 24-8-2013

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3. Tender forms with detail specifications, terms and conditions will be available in the auditorium of BOF on all working days between 9 AM to 1 PM.

4. Commandant, BOF reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without any reason thereof.

Deputy Director Material  
For Commandant

## MYMENSINGH, SYLHET

# Two to die for murder, man jailed for keeping arms

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A court yesterday sentenced two siblings to death and 10 people to different jail terms in Mymensingh for killing a farmer in Gouripur upazila in 2006.

The convicts are Jahangir Alam and Humayun Kabir, sons of Abdur Rahim of Singraund village in Gouripur upazila, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution, farmer Ramjan Ali was hacked to death by the convicts over a land dispute on December 30, 2006.

A case had been filed in this connection.

After examining the

records and witnesses, Special Session Judge Humayun Kabir handed down the verdict.

A court in Sylhet on Tuesday sentenced a man to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment for possessing arms in the city.

The court also fined the convict, Hasan Ahmed Basu, 28, son of Mokon Mia of Sadarpara on the city's outskirts Shahjalal, Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer three months more in prison.

According to the prosecution in brief, a team of police arrested two young men -- Hasan Ahmed Basu and Romin -- along with home made pipe gun from a

place of the city on January 14, 2008.

A case was filed against them under the Arms Act.

Later, police submitted a charge sheet against them after completing investigation on February 2, in the same year.

After examining eight witnesses and documents, Judge of the Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court and Special Tribunal-2 Mohammad Iftakhar Bin Aziz handed down the verdict.

The court acquitted Romin as the allegations against him could not be proved.



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Matripith Government Girls' High School in Chandpur town take part in a mass signature campaign at the school yesterday as part of an awareness building programme against drug abuse and stalking. Prothom Alo Bandhusava assisted the programme.

## Rape case recorded finally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police have finally recorded the case filed by the father of a gang-raped victim of Baro Kamlabari village in Aditmari upazila of the district.

However, the accused remained out of police dragnet.

The case was filed with Aditmari Police Station on September 5, but police recorded the case yesterday.

The accused in the case are Rezaul Islam, 25, Fazar Ali, 23, Habibur Rahman, 24, of the village under Aditmari upazila, and Alamgir Hossain, 26, Ashraf Islam, 23, and Ashiqur Rahman, 24, of Nilphamari district.

The victim, a class seven student of a local madrasa, fell in love with Ashiqur Rahman, who works at a bridge construction site at the village.

Ashiqur Rahman with the help of five others took the girl to a hotel in the capital on September 1. She was gang raped by the six for three days and sent back home at Kamlabari village on the night of September 4.

Family took the madrasa girl to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital the same night and her medical test was done yesterday, said Dr Nabiur Rahman, resident medical officer of the hospital.

Contacted, Officer-in-Charge (OC) Aslam Iqbal of Aditmari Police Station said they recorded the case after getting medical test and investigation reports. Police have launched a drive to arrest the accused, the OC added.