Lalmonirhat transport workers on strike

Their 8-point demand includes ban on illegal vehicles and end to extortion at land port

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Transport owners and workers enforced an indefinite strike in the district yesterday to press home their eight-point demand.

The demands include ban on the services of nasimon, karimon, bhotvoti, tructor and easybike on Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway, steps to end extortion at Burimari land port, ban on the vehicles plying Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway without fitness certificates, removal of illegal structures from both sides of the highway, and immediate withdrawal of two traffic sergeants from

the road.

buses, were seen plying the roads in the district since morning, causing immense sufferings to passengers. Hundreds of people crowded the railway stations on Lalmonirhat-Burimari route to travel by train.

Leaders of district Motor Owners' Association said they will continue the strike until the demands are met. On the other hand, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Habibur Rahman termed the strike illegal. He said the main demand for banning nasimon, karimon, bhotvoti, tructor and easybike has been met.

"Three-wheelers have stopped plying the highway since yesterday morn-No vehicles, including ing and the rest of the

demands will be met after holding talks with police administration," the DC said, adding the district administration will go for legal action if transport owners and workers continue their strike.

Motiar Rahman, joint secretary of Lalmonirhat Motor Owners' Association, said they didn't get any letter from the district administration regarding ban on the tree-wheelers on the high-

Contacted, Abdur Rashid, general secretary of Easy-bike Owners' and Drivers Kalyan Samity, said, they withdrew their vehicles from Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway yesterday morning.

Tragic!

A CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

A five-year-old boy met a tragic end when he fell off the tractor of his father and went under its wheels at Borosholuya village in Sadar upazila on Sunday evening.

The deceased was Jibon Hossain, son of Abdul Malek of the village.

Gazi Muhammad Ibrahim, officer in-charge of Chudanga police station, said Jibon fell on the road due to jerking of the tractor and was crushed under its wheels when Malek was returning home from workplace.

The accident took place in front of a mosque when the boy's father started the tractor after buying oil from a shop there.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Chuadanga General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

As the death news spread, a pall of gloom descended on the area, said the OC.

Jamaat men held in cop killing case

Arrests in Bagerhat, Sunamganj

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Police in a drive arrested two Jamaat activists in Harianakundu upazila of Jhenidah yesterday on charge of killing a policeman, reports our correspondent.

The arrestees are Abdul Wahab and Mahtab Uddin of Daulatpur village, said Mahibul Islam, officer incharge of Harinakundu police station. On March 3 this year,

constable Gazi Omar Farooque was stabbed to death by Jamaat-Shibir men during a violence in the upazila.

The arrestees went into hiding after the incident, said the OC.

A case was filed against 6000 people in the cop killing case, he said.

arrested a local Shibir leader

at a mess in Kalahat area of Kaliganj upazila town early yesterday. Hossain, 21, secretary of

Kaligonj upazila unit Shibir and son of Raihan Biswas of Baroghigati village.

charge of committing crimi-

nal activities, said Liakat Hossain, officer in-charge of Kaliganj police station.

city

In Bagerhat, police arrested two Jamaat leaders early yesterday at Sonakur and Kamargati villages of Kachua upazila, reports our correspondent.

The arrestees are Jamaat ameer of Dhopkhali union Aftab Uddin and ameer of ward 5 in Maghia union Ali Akbar.

Police said they were arrested in connection with a case filed after July 17 clash between AL and Jamaat at Baraipara in Sadar upazila.

In Sunamganj, police arrested four leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami while holding a secret meeting at Ku-Dirai village in Dakhkhin Sunamganj upazila on Sunday evening, reports In another drive, police UNB.

The arrestees are Dakhkhin Sunamganj upazila unit Jamaat general secretary Hafiz Abu Khalid, The arrestee is Ariz Pachchim Pagla union unit Jamaat general secretary Alim Uddin, Purbagola union unit Jamaat secretary Zubayer Ahmed and its Ariz was arrested on Jamaat president Kabir Hossain.

EC soft

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given additional seven days under special consideration," he told newsmen at his office at the Election Commission Secretariat.

According to the law, a political party must have offices in 21 districts and 100 upazilas or thanas, with at least 200 registered supporters in each upazila or thana.

Expelled BNP vicechairman Nazmul Huda had launched the BNF early this year. Former BNP cabinet minister Prof Jahanara Begum, among others, joined the party.

In March, the party relieved Huda of its convener post for "anti-party activities" and made Jahanara its acting convener.

The main opposition BNP on several occasions had urged the EC not to give registration to BNF as the party used the photograph of BNP founder and late and picked sheaf of wheat as its electoral symbol, which

sheaf of paddy. about political party BNF had twice failed to fulfil the requirements despite getting an additional time of 15

days. The new party on August 4 once again filed another application with the EC seeking more time for registration and reinvestigation of its field offices claiming that the EC's field officials

upazilas.

A three-member committee will be formed in each of the districts against which the BNF brought allegations of bias. The the activities of the field level offices there, said the

deputy commissioner, the committee will have two other members - a district election official and the district information officer. The committees will submit their reports to the EC within seven days of receiving the commission's letter.

Meanwhile, another political party Bangladesh Sangskritik Mukti Jote is going to get registration as it has fulfilled all the conditions. Advertisements will be published in newspapers soon in this connection.

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

The EC will amend the president Ziaur Rahman electoral code of conduct for the next parliamentary election to make sure that a is quite similar to BNP's level playing field is created for all the candidates and In July, the much-talked everyone enjoys equal opportunities, said Shah Nawaz.

He also hoped that all the

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Upazila vice chairman held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police yesterday arrested Rezaul Karim Khan Milon, vice chairman of Bhuapur upazila parishad. He is a fugitive as he was convicted in four cases and wanted in four more cases. Of the eight cases, four were filed in Tangail, three in Dhaka and one in Pabna, police said. Rabiul Islam, officer in-charge of Bhuapur PS, said acting on a tip-off, police arrested the fugitive vice-chairman at Routbari village at around 11:00am. Milon was elected upazila vicechairman in 2009 as a BNP backed candidate. He, however, joined Awami League after three months.

1700kg hilsa seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in separate drives yesterday seized over 1700 kilograms of hilsa fish in the district and detained two people in this connection. Tipped off, a team of 38 BGB Battalion led by Deputy Commander Major AKM Imam Hasan raided Barabazar in the town and seized 1366kg fish at around 5:00am. The team also detained Md Mafiz Uddin, 23, and Amit Hasan, 20, of Thanaghata area in the town for their alleged involvement in hilsa smuggling. Another team of the BGB seized 335kg of hilsa from a private car on Padmashakhra frontier under Sadar upazila yesterday.



Pabna units of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi and Sammilita Sangskritik Jote jointly form a human chain in the town yesterday, demanding arrest of the attackers of Udichi central committee member Asif Nur, a blogger and one of the organisers of Gonojagoron Mancha, in the capital on Sept 7.

Agitation for road repair

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Locals blocked Bhelur More- Methorpara road intersection of the town for about an hour on Sunday, demanding immediate repair of the road and proper drainage system. The road has been in bad condition since long, said residents of Methorpara and Bhelur more areas. Due to the bad condition of the road, drain water enters our houses during monsoon, said housewife Sabina Begum of Methorpara. Selim Reza, another resident of the area, said a number of people of the areas have been suffering from skin disease.

Open discussion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Local leaders and officials held an open discussion, styled "How Are You?", with women and professionals of grassroots level at Eidgah ground of the Sadar upazila yesterday. In the programme, attended by chairman of standing body on defence committee Idris Ali MP, Chairman of standing body on primary and mass education Momtaz Begum MP, deputy commissioner Saiful Hassan Badal, Munshiganj press club president Mir Nasiruddin Uzzal and others, different aspects of women's progress and empowerment and also the causes of baseless accusations against them were discussed thoroughly and openly.

Sadar upazila administration organised the programme.

Man to die for rape, murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 on Sunday sentenced a man to death for killing a minor girl after rape in 2001. Judge Rasheda Sultana hand down the verdict in the crowded courtroom. The convict is Nazrul Islam, 36, son of late Mofiz Uddin of Narayan Shahar under Shibgonj upazila of the district. Court source said when the 10-year-old daughter of Abdul Mannan of Dopara village under the same upazila came to visit the area, Nazrul took her to a shallow-machine house owned by Anisar Rahman tactfully and strangled her after rape on October 06, 2001.

Sunken during the onslaught of cyclone Mahasen on May 16 this year, the pontoon of Baliatali launch terminal in Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district still remains aground, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned.

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Outlaw jailed for life, another held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Member of an outlawed

party was sentenced to life term imprisonment in an arms case here yesterday. Sardar, 40, is son of Badu

Sardar of Dhanuaghata village in Pabna. According to the case, acting on a tip off, law enforcers caught Hares Sardar, an operative of now defunct Naxal Bahini, at Joydebpur intersection of

Gazipur district on March 16 in 2008. Hares, they seized six firearms, including four shutter guns of the outlaws from a field in the village on March 17.

yesterday held a fresh agita-

tion programme, demanding

They took out a proces-

smooth gas supply to houses.

sion in the town at around

11:30pm and then held a

rally at Khalpar to press the

people blocked Dhaka-

Aricha highway and

besieged the office of Titas

Gas Transmission and

Distribution Company

They later submitted a

memorandum to the deputy

commissioner in favour of

their demand and sent its

copies to the relevant

Manikganj Government

On September 8, towns-

Manikganj

demand.

same demand.

departments.

Faridpur police station accusing him of possessing illegal arms.

Convict Md. Hares lawed party from Islamkathi village in Tala upazila on Sunday afternoon.

upazila and son of Abul Sarder

arrested Khairul.

A case was filed with

In Satkhira, police arrested leader of an out-

The arrestee was identified as Khairul Sarder, second-incommand of Biddyut Bahini of the outlawed East Bengal Communist Party of the

Officer in-charge of Tala police station Enamul Following the statement of Haque said, on secret information, a team of police conducted a drive in the area at about 4.00pm and

of the village, reports UNB.

committees will investigate

commissioner. Headed by an additional

political parties will reach a consensus for the sake of holding a free, fair and peaceful election.

Responding to a query, he said, "We will earn the confidence of all the political parties through our activities."

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Agitation on in Manikganj demanding gas supply OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj townspeople

মানিকগঞ্জ পৌরবাসী

to households. Demanding gas supply at ple have been facing acute

gas crisis for over a year. Poor gas supply compels the local people to use earthen oven in their kitchens to The students of prepare food.

for long despite low or no Devendra College also formed a human chain on supply of gas. If the authorities concerned don't take Manikganj Press Club premises on September 10 for any steps to improve the smooth gas supply to houses. situation, the townspeople

speakers said the townspeo- bill," the protesters warned.



least twice a day, they also threatened to go for a tougher programme to realise the demand. Contacted, manager of "We have been giving bill the regional office of Titas

Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited M Sirajul Islam said they have already informed the higher authorities of the At the rally yesterday, the will stop payment of gas matter sought immediate solution to the problem.

were biased in some