

# Kathin Chibar Daan festival begins in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Kathin Chibar Daan, the biggest religious festival of the Buddhist community in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), has begun at Rangamati Rajban Bihar amid great enthusiasm and religious fervour.

On the first day of the two-day festival yesterday, devotees from three hill districts--Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari--took part in pancha-shilla prayer.

Progya Lankar Mohathero, abbot of Rajban Bihar, along with others monks, inaugurated the Bain Ghar (weaving house) around 3:00pm.

Later, chief of the Chakma Circle (Chakma King) Debashis Roy opened the weaving house and spinning wheel there.

Various programmes, including stitching of chibars, offering of pancha-shilla prayer, hoisting Buddhist flag, dyeing and drying of threads and lighting of candles, have been chalked out to mark the 40th celebration.

A fair was held at Rajban Bihar where merry-go-rounds and circus have



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**Chakma Raja barrister Devashish Roy operates a spinning wheel after inauguration of 'Bain Ghar' at Rangamati Rajban Bihar yesterday marking the 40th 'Kathin Chibar Daan Utsab' in the town.**

been arranged. Different types of shops were also set up on the occasion, said organisers.

Addressing the programme, Devashish Roy said "It's quite different than other Buddhist countries and it helps to

keep the tradition of weaving spirit of the jumma people particularly women".

Roy also sought everyone's cooperation to make the festival successful.

Over 2500 years ago,

nurses of Goutam Buddha named Jibok and Bishakha with the help of devotees, had introduced making rob from jhum cotton within 24-hour to offer it to monks. Since then Buddhist have been observing it.

## Abducted schoolboy murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The body of a schoolboy, abducted from Char Narayanpur under Sadar upazila on November 6, was found in a tank in Rajbari town yesterday.

The victim was identified as Rifat Hossain, 11, son of Muktar Hossain, an expatriate in Bahrain. Rifat was a class V student at Rajbari Kindergarten.

Police arrested four alleged abductors, said Mizanur Rahman, inspector (investigation) of Rajbari Sadar Police Station.

The arrestees are Rifat's cousin Kiam Uddin, 30, Rony Seikh, 24, of Char Narayanpur village, and Ranjit Sarkar, 55, and Rakhtim Ranjan Sarkar, of T&T Para in the town.

Family sources said a gang kidnapped Rifat while he was returning home from his school at around 12:00 noon.

The abductors then took him to a lonely place and phoned his family members on the following day, demanding Tk 15 lakh as ransom, said the inspector.

The gang killed the boy and then dumped the body in a sewage-disposal tank in T&T Para area of the town, said Inspector Mizanur.

## ATTACKS ON COPS, AL RALLY

# 650 BNP-Jamaat activists sued in Pabna, Rangpur

STAR COUNTRY DESK

As many as 650 BNP-Jamaat men have been sued on charges of attacks on police and Awami League rally in Pabna and Rangpur.

Our Pabna correspondent reported that 500 BNP-Jamaat activists were sued in Faridpur upazila of the district on Wednesday for attacking an AL rally there on Wednesday.

Faridpur upazila AL President Khalilur Rahman filed the case with the local police station on Wednesday night.

Forty of the accused were named while the rest unnamed, said Officer-in-charge (investigation) Md Samsul Islam.

Faridpur upazila BNP President Johurul Islam Bokul, General Secretary Abdul Hakim, and upazila Jamaat Ameer Afzal Hossain are among the identified accused.

Contacted, Johurul Islam Bokul said AL leader Khalil filed a false case only to harass

opposition leaders and activists.

Local unit of Awami League was holding an anti-hartal rally in the municipality areas on Wednesday noon. When a procession of BNP-led 18-party alliance reached near the rally, two sides started hurling brick chips at each other and at one stage locked in a clash.

At least 20 people, including two policemen, were injured during the clash.

BNP leader Bokul alleged that they went to the police station to file a counter case, but police refused to take the case.

Our Rangpur correspondent adds: Police filed a case with Rangpur Kotwali Police Station on Wednesday night, accusing 150 leaders and activists of BNP and its associate bodies of attacking cops during hartal hours in the city on Wednesday.

Sub-Inspector Md Shahjahan of the police

station lodged the case the same day. In the case statement, the complainant stated that Awami League activists brought out an anti-hartal procession from their Betpatti office and BNP along with its associate bodies took out a procession in support of hartal from its Grand Hotel intersection office at around 12:30pm.

He said when both processions were heading towards Jahaj Company intersection, police intercepted the processions in front of Rangpur Press Club. BNP swooped on police, exploded at least five crude bombs and hurled brick chips at police.

The complainant further said that police fired 17 rubber bullets and lobbed 20 tear gas shells to disperse the BNP men.

Md Shahbuddin Khalifa, Officer-in-Charge of Rangpur Kotwali Police Station said they have started drives to arrest the accused.

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## RU BCL leader hacked to death by Shibir

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A Chhatra League leader at Rajshahi University was stabbed to death allegedly by Chhatra Shibir men at Domarhat Bazar in Sundarganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Khalilur Rahman Mamun, former president of BCL Shah Mokhdum hall unit of the university and resident of Bazarpara village in the upazila.

Police and locals said a group of Shibir activists attacked Mamun with sharp weapons, leaving him critically injured while he was in a local salon to have his hair cut at 6:30pm. He died on the way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Mamun came to his village home from Rajshahi last week. He was appointed as sub-inspector of police and supposed to join the service on Sunday.

As the death news spread, local BCL activists vandalised offices of Jamaat and Shibir and torched their seven business establishments in the



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