

ATTACK ON RAILS DURING HARTAL, BLOCKADE

# Train schedule falls apart in western zone

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Schedule of trains in West Zone of Bangladesh Railway (BR) virtually collapsed as agitators uprooted rail lines, unscrewed fishplates and arranged gathering on tracks at different places during the countrywide transport blockade enforced by BNP-led 18-party alliance during the last two days.

Thirty intercity and mail trains along with dozens of local trains and two recently introduced Demu trains move on different routes covering 1550 kilometre tracks in West Zone and around three lakh passengers make train journey from about 400 stations there daily, said railway sources.

But operation of two local trains Padmarag and 7up--8down running between Santahar-Lalmonirhat and Santahar-Panchagarh, two Demu trains Rangpur Commuter running between Parbotipur-Lalmonirhat and Thakurgaon Commuter running between Parbotipur-Thakurgaon had to be suspended due to the schedule collapse amid the political agitation, they said.

"Most of the trains in this division failed to maintain schedule as rail lines were uprooted in Joypurhat, Jamalganj and several other places, mass human gathering on rail tracks in Dinajpur and other places," said Mir Md Ali Akbar, chief train controller of Pakshi Division in West Zone.



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'Smooth journey' by train virtually eluded people in different areas of the West Zone of Bangladesh Railway as schedule collapsed due to subversive activities including uprooting of rail lines during the last two days' countrywide blockade enforced by the BNP-led 18-party alliance.

Ekota intercity train running between Dinajpur and Dhaka was scheduled to reach Dinajpur by about 9:00pm on Tuesday but it could not reach there as a 'human shield' was formed on rail tracks as part of the countrywide road blockade by the opposition alliance, said sources of Lalmonirhat Division under West Zone of BR.

Later it started for Dhaka from Parbotipur instead of Dinajpur and reached the capital making four hours late.

Intercity train Lalmonirhat Express started from Lalmonirhat at 7:10pm although it was scheduled to start at 10:40am and reached the capital 12 hours later than the schedule.

The Nilsagor intercity train running between Saidpur- Dhaka was three hours late to reach the capital.

Intercity train Chitra operating from Khulna to Dhaka was seven hours late and Rangpur express was five hours late to reach destination Dhaka.

During the two-day countrywide blockade programme by the 18-party alliance, the rail stations saw huge rush of passengers as many people who usually travel by bus went there to have a relatively smooth journey but in vain. "I am frustrated as the train was scheduled to leave the station at 9:20pm on Tuesday but it did not even arrive that day," Emdadul Haque, principal of a

kindergarten, who along with his wife was waiting for Dhaka-bound Ekota express at Dinajpur railway station told this correspondent over cell phone.

Chief train controller of Lalmonirhat Division under West Zone Shahidul Islam said, "Despite seriously efforts, we are facing difficulties to maintain timetable as in many cases trains made late for more hours due to the agitation programme of some political parties."

Railway officers, engineers, locomotive masters, guards and employees of all categories are working hard, even taking life risk, to make railway service smooth, said Mosharaf Hossain, chief traffic manager of BR's West

## Stabbed by 'friend', Nayon dies at DMCH

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
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An SSC examinee of the district, who was seriously injured allegedly by his 'friend' on Tuesday, died at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

The deceased, Maruf Hasan Nayon, 16 was son of late Abdul Mazid Mia of Bandutia area in the town.

Family sources said, Nayon went to bed with his two close friends--Hridoy, son of Ayub Mia and Rakib, son of Abdus Salam of the area--on Monday night.

In the morning, Hridoy did not find his mobile phone and blamed Nayon for its missing. The duo then engaged in an altercation over the issue.

The quarrel over the missing phone continued as they failed to find it.

At one stage in the afternoon, Hridoy stabbed Nayon in the neck, leaving him seriously injured, said victim's uncle Abdullah Al Mamun.

Nayon was rushed to Manikganj Sadar Hospital and then shifted to DMCH after his condition worsened. He succumbed to his injuries at the hospital early yesterday.

Hridoy and Rakib went into hiding after the incident, said officer in-charge of Manikganj police station Rezaul Haque.

A process to file a murder case was underway till filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday.

## KILLING OF BGB MAN, RICKSHAWPULLER

# Over 1000 sued in two cases in Comilla

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Two separate cases were filed against over 1,000 people in connection with the killing of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) member Ripon and rickshaw-puller Babul Miah during Tuesday's clashes in Comilla city and Laksham upazila of the district.

Sub-inspector Shahidul Islam of Comilla Kotwali police station on Tuesday night filed a case against 81 named and 500 unnamed people with the police station for the killing of BGB member Ripon and attacking police.

Meanwhile, eight people were arrested in the case, reports UNB.

BGB member Ripon, 25, was killed and 10 more people, including a policeman, were injured in a clash between the activists of the 18-party alliance and law enforcers during the opposition's blockade at Taltala in

Comilla city at 4:45pm on Tuesday.

Rokeya Begum, wife of Babul, filed another case against 36 identified and 500 unidentified people with Laksham police station for the killing of her husband.

Babul was killed and 10 other people were injured in police firing during a clash between police and 18-party alliance activists in Doulatganj Dighirpar area in Laksham upazila on Tuesday.

The clash ensued when police tried to remove a barricade put up by the activists of the 18-party alliance.

Away in Habiganj, police filed two cases against 700 BNP men on charge of attacking them in Sadar upazila on Tuesday, reports our Moulvibazar Correspondent.

Sub Inspector of Habiganj Sadar Anwar Hossain filed a case accus-

ing 29 identified BNP leaders and 200 unknown others. The identified ones include district BNP organising secretary Enamul Haque Selim and district Chhatra Dal convenor Tajul Islam Chowdhury Jewel.

SI Indranil Roy filed another case accusing 40 identified BNP leaders and 450 unknown others. The identified men include Jubo Dal Secretary Azizul Rahman Kajol and Secretary Miah Ilias.

Witnesses said, a clash ensued when the activists of BNP and its student wing of Sadar unit brought out a procession in support of their various demands in the town on Monday evening.

A chase and counter-chase took place as police obstructed them which followed a clash that left 30 people including 10 policemen injured.

### বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল

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### বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। ২০১৩-২০১৪ শিক্ষাবর্ষে বেসরকারি মেডিকেল/ডেন্টাল কলেজ/ইনস্টিটিউট সমূহে এমবিবিএস/বিডিএস কোর্সে ছাত্র ভর্তির বিষয়ে কাউন্সিলের সিদ্ধান্ত নিম্নরূপ:-  
“সকল বেসরকারি মেডিকেল/ডেন্টাল কলেজ/ইনস্টিটিউট ২০১৩-২০১৪ শিক্ষাবর্ষে স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক প্রণীত এবং স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক বিজ্ঞপ্তি আকারে প্রকাশিত ছাত্র ভর্তির নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী তাহাদের নিজ নিজ কলেজে ছাত্র ভর্তি করিবে। বিদেশী ছাত্র ভর্তি অবশ্যই স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক প্রণীত নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী হইতে হইবে। বিদেশী ছাত্রের সংখ্যা কোন অবস্থাতেই অনুমোদিত ছাত্র সংখ্যার বেশী হইবে না। ভর্তি সংক্রান্ত উল্লেখিত নিয়মের বাহিরে কোন ছাত্র ভর্তি হইলে অত্র কাউন্সিল হইতে তাহাদিগকে রেজিস্ট্রেশন প্রদান করা হইবে না।”  
অতএব, প্রতিটি বেসরকারি মেডিকেল/ডেন্টাল কলেজ/ইনস্টিটিউটকে ৪ই অক্টোবর, ২০১৩ইং তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত এমবিবিএস এবং বিডিএস কোর্সে ভর্তি পরীক্ষার ফলাফলের আলোকে আবশ্যিকভাবে মোধাক্রমানুসারে ছাত্র ভর্তি করিতে হইবে। ভর্তি প্রক্রিয়া সম্পন্ন করিয়া ০১ (এক) মাসের মধ্যে ছাত্র রেজিস্ট্রেশনের জন্য বিএমএন্ডডিসিতে আবেদন করিতে হইবে। আবেদন ফর্মের সহিত মোধাক্রমানুসারে ভর্তিকৃত ছাত্রদের প্রাপ্ত Merit Score উল্লেখ করিয়া ভর্তিকৃত ছাত্রদের তালিকা সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে।  
বেসরকারি মেডিকেল/ডেন্টাল কলেজ/ইনস্টিটিউট সমূহে ভর্তিচ্ছু ছাত্র এবং তাহাদের অভিভাবকগণকে এই মর্মে অবহিত করা যাইতেছে যে, উপরোক্ত নিয়মের বাহিরে কোন বেসরকারি মেডিকেল কিংবা ডেন্টাল কলেজ/ইনস্টিটিউট এ কেহ ভর্তি হইলে তাহাদিগকে রেজিস্ট্রেশন প্রদানের বিষয়ে কোন দায়ভার অত্র কাউন্সিল গ্রহণ করিবে না।

২। বাংলাদেশী কোন ছাত্র ছাত্রী বিদেশে চিকিৎসা/দস্ত চিকিৎসা বিষয়ে স্নাতক ডিগ্রি অর্জনের জন্য অধ্যয়ন করিতে চাহিলে বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল হইতে তাহাকে আবশ্যিকভাবে Eligibility Certificate গ্রহণ করিতে হইবে এবং ডিগ্রি অর্জনের পর রেজিস্ট্রেশনের জন্য কাউন্সিলে আবেদন করার সময় উক্ত Eligibility Certificate জমা দিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় রেজিস্ট্রেশনের জন্য তাহাদের আবেদন গ্রহণ করা হইবে না। উল্লেখ্য যে, বাংলাদেশের মেডিকেল এবং ডেন্টাল কলেজ/ইনস্টিটিউট সমূহে ভর্তির জন্য প্রতি বৎসর স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর হইতে ভর্তির যে নীতিমালা নির্ধারণ করা হয়, অত্র কাউন্সিল হইতে Eligibility Certificate গ্রহণের জন্য উক্ত নীতিমালা প্রযোজ্য হইবে।

৩। বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল কর্তৃক স্বীকৃত নয় এমন কোন চিকিৎসা শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান (মেডিকেল/ডেন্টাল কলেজ/ইনস্টিটিউট) হইতে যদি কেহ ডিগ্রি/সনদপ্রাপ্ত হন তাহা হইলে চিকিৎসা কার্য পরিচালনার জন্য তাহাকে রেজিস্ট্রেশন প্রদান করা হইবে না এবং তিনি বাংলাদেশে কোনরকম এলোপ্যাথি চিকিৎসা করিতে বা চিকিৎসক বা ডেন্টাল চিকিৎসক হিসাবে পরিচয় দিতে পারিবেন না। এমতাবস্থায় কোন চিকিৎসা শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানে (মেডিকেল/ডেন্টাল কলেজ/ইনস্টিটিউট) ভর্তিচ্ছু ছাত্র-ছাত্রী এবং তাহাদের অভিভাবকগণকে প্রতিষ্ঠানটির সরকারি অনুমোদন (Uptodate), বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধিভুক্তি (Uptodate) এবং বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিলের স্বীকৃতি সম্পর্কে অবহিত হওয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

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C'NAWABGANJ CHAR AREAS

## Coriander farmers having good time

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Coriander cultivation is gaining popularity in the district as the growers make a handsome profit due to low production costs and easy farming.

A large number of farmers are now cultivating coriander leaf commercially in the district, especially char areas, as it has changed the lot of many people.

Over 3000 farmers are now involved in coriander cultivation in the region that sees increasing farming of the vegetable for the last several years.

They have been sending over 5,000 maunds a day for the last ten years to different parts of the country, especially Dhaka, after meeting local demand in the peak season. Each maund of coriander leaf now sells here between Tk 1000 and Tk 1200.

The herb was earlier cultivated only on small plots around homes for family consumption and sale at local markets. Now it is grown on a large scale in the shoal areas of Sadar and Shibganj upazilas of the district.

Sundarpur, Shahjahanpur, Charbagdanga, Narayanpur, Islampur and Debinagar unions in Sadar upazila and Panka, Durlampur,

Ghorapakhia and Ujirpur unions in Shibganj upazila are well known for coriander farming.

Coriander farmers from different shoal areas take their products to a mango orchard of Pathan Para in the town and sell it to wholesalers who supply it to different places including the capital city and Chittagong by trucks and coaches.

I have cultivated coriander on six bighas of land this year. I started with only one bigha a few years ago after taking lease of land from land owners as it is very profitable, said Ekramul Haque, a farmer of Bagdanga village under Sundarpur union.

The herb is widely cultivated between October and February mostly in char areas as they are suitable for coriander cultivation, said Abul Kalam Azad, Deputy Director of Chapainawabganj Department of Agriculture Extension.

Coriander cultivation needs only Tk 2,500 to 3,000 to cultivate one bigha of land while the produce sells between Tk 12,000 and 15,000, said farmers.

Over 3000 farmers have cultivated coriander this season on 200 hectares in the district.

Traders sort coriander leaves in Court Bagan area of Chapainawabganj town, prior to its packing for transportation to the capital a couple of days ago.

## Jamaat-Shibir men cut tendons of Jubo League activist

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Jamaat-Shibir men severed tendons of hands and legs of a local Jubo League activist and thrashed his head with bricks in Sadar upazila yesterday noon.

The victim is Nazmul Islam, 30, organising secretary of Ramnagar union Jubo League under the upazila. Critically injured Nazmul was rushed to a nearby clinic and then shifted to Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Locals said Nazmul along with some party activists was sitting at a shop at Kuyada Bazaar beside Jessore-Monirampur Road. At around 11:30am, about 250 to 300 Jamaat-Shibir activists, equipped with sharp weapons and sticks, reached the

bazar, exploded bomb and chased the Jubo League men.

As Nazmul fell to the ground, the Jamaat-Shibir men hacked him with sharp weapons, cut tendons of his hands and legs and thrashed the head with bricks.

They also locked in a clash with police. At least 15 people, including three cops, were injured.

Our Sathkira correspondent reported that Jamaat will enforce a half-day hartal in the district today, protesting the killing of its activist Shamsur Rahman in police firing in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Shamsur Rahman, 35, was shot dead during a clash with law enforcers at Shialdanga village in Sadar upazila at around 4:00am.

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