



The remains of the furniture of Mamunshia Govt Primary School in Kotchandpur of Jhenidah after criminals torched the school ahead of the January 5 polls. Top, destroyed furniture at Fulbari Govt Primary School in the same upazila. Bottom, Marks of the blaze at Charghat-Bagha Shyampur Govt Primary School in Rajshahi. All the schools were supposed to be polling centres.



PHOTO: STAR

## Burnt schools await repair

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to rid the students of low temperature in the rooms.

More than 80,000 students of 568 educational institutions, which were burnt or vandalised allegedly by BNP-Jamaat activists the day before the election, are attending classes with debris around.

Of the total, 443 are primary schools, 113 secondary institutions including some madrasas and the rest are colleges, according to government data.

Almost all these institutions, in more than 20 districts, were designated as polling centres.

As of now, the government has assessed the extent of damage and probable repair cost based on reports from the grassroots and it hopes to start the repairs this month.

But students as well as teachers have had enough.

"I cannot pay attention during classes for lack of sitting arrangement," said class-V student Sebag Das of Garbaria Government Primary School in Mahespur upazila of Jhenidah.

Sukumar Das, headmaster of the school, said apart from the structures and furniture, valuable documents were burnt to ashes. "The students are suffering, yet no step to repair the school has been taken."

The education officers in Kotchandpur and Mahespur upazilas of Jhenidah said some 22 educational institutions were damaged. They have already sent an assessment of repair cost to the primary and mass education ministry.

The situation at Satjan High School in

Nilphamari is the worst among the 21 damaged institutions in the district. The attackers set alight all five classrooms, science laboratory and the library on January 4 night.

The school, established in 1968, is one of the institutions to have a multimedia classroom. Two computers, one laptop, one projector and a digital screen were burnt while almost all the apparatus of the laboratory and 1,200 books in the library were gutted along with important documents and furniture.

Now the students are attending classes sitting on the floors in four classrooms.

"Two of our classmates fell ill. It's difficult to keep sitting on the thin mat in this cold weather," said Kajali Rani, a student of class-X at the school in Dimra upazila.

Another class-X student, Mushfiqur Rahman, said practical classes are not being held. "We'll sit for the SSC exams in 2015 and we will be in trouble if we cannot do lab work."

Azizul Islam, the headmaster, said, "Our school incurred a loss of Tk 10 lakh. We have already informed it to the district education office, but no help has come yet."

In Rajshahi, Sardah Pilot School students are attending schools with burnt tins overhead and many of them sitting on burned benches.

Kids at Shyampur Government Primary School in Poba upazila said they get frightened while entering the classrooms through charred doors.

In Dinajpur, Paschim Saitara High School of Chirribandar upazila bears the scars of arson with

the office, storeroom and two classrooms gutted.

"All essential documents, including certificates, were burnt down along with furniture. We repaired the benches out of our own pockets to run the classes anyhow," said headmaster Dhananjay Chandra Roy.

Similar stories came from Rangpur, Sylhet and Comilla. Education officers in these districts said they have not received anything from the ministry despite sending the list of damaged schools several days ago.

At least 44 institutions were attacked in Rangpur division alone.

Shahjahan Siddique, assistant district primary education officer in Rangpur, said a team from the Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) visited schools in Pirgachha upazila on January 29. There is no other development.

Contacted, Shyamal Kanti Ghosh, director general (DG) of the DPE, said they had brought funds from the repair and maintenance sector. "It will take around Tk 7 crore for repairing primary schools. We will start it as soon as possible."

Prof Fahima Khatun, DG of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, said they have sent the list of schools to the education ministry, which forwarded it to the finance ministry.

"The repairs of secondary schools will cost around Tk 3 crore. We hope to start the work by the next week," she said on Friday.

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# Hollande warns over Cameron's EU plans

AFP, Brize Norton

French President Francois Hollande dealt a blow Friday to Prime Minister David Cameron's hopes of renegotiating Britain's membership of the EU before a referendum in 2017, saying treaty change was "not a priority".

At an Anglo-French summit held at an airbase in Oxfordshire, west of London, Hollande indicated he might be open to treaty change in the future to ensure the eurozone was "better coordinated".

But he noted that any major treaty change could require a referendum in France and said: "We feel that revising the treaty is not a priority for the time being."

Under pressure from eurosceptics in his Conservative party, Cameron has promised to renegotiate Britain's position in the EU and put the new deal to a referendum after the next election in 2015.

Hollande told a joint press conference that he "perfectly respected" Britain's right to hold a vote, but said: "We can't impose the British choice on Europe."

Cameron said he remained optimistic of achieving the changes he wanted and British officials say the fact France is even considering treaty change is progress.

The prime minister said: "My position absolutely remains that we want to see those changes, we want that renegotiation."

"That renegotiation will involve elements of treaty change, and then there will be a referendum in Britain before the end of 2017."

He later revealed he is prepared to invoke a rarely-used law in order to force through parliament a bill guaranteeing an "in/out" referendum in Britain by 2017, after the upper House of Lords killed off legislation backed by his Conservatives.

Cameron said his party will reintroduce the bill once the next parliamentary session begins in May -- and he pledged to invoke the Parliament Act, which enforces the supremacy of the lower House of Commons, if it is blocked by the Lords again.

Hollande and Cameron continued their debate about EU reform during a "convivial" lunch at the nearby Swan Inn, a riverside pub dating back to 1885 which has featured in hit TV series "Downton Abbey", British officials said.

Despite their political differences, the two leaders used their first Anglo-French summit since Hollande's election in 2012 to further cement bilateral cooperation on defence, nuclear energy and space exploration.

## Big day for booklovers

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off-limits to traffic during fair hours from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.

He also said no trees should be felled for setting up stalls at the fair.

Ahsan Dipu, a teacher at Mirpur Cantonment Public School and College, said though there are many stalls at the Udyan, it lacks the festivity and mood of the typical book fair.

"A road separates the two, and people coming to this side may not venture to the other. They will also miss the programmes on the Academy premises."

Shimuzzaman Shaon, a banker, pointed out that the stalls didn't have any numbers this time, making it difficult for visitors to locate their desired stalls.

Sales were quite good at the bookstalls at the Udyan. But the stalls of little magazines on the Academy premises couldn't draw much crowd. Besides, many stalls were yet to put books on display there.

Only yards away, a two-day poetry festival was being held at the Dhaka University library premises.

With the slogan "Kobita Sohena Danob Jatona", the 28th National Poetry Festival was inaugurated by renowned poet Syed

Shamsul Hoque yesterday.

The festival has been organised by Jatiya Kobita Parishad.

"Thirty-five guests and poets from abroad and more than 100 poets from across Bangladesh are taking part in the festival this year," said Aslam Sunny, general secretary of the Parishad.

The festival ends at 8:00pm today.

## Jamaat man

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associates fired at them. A gunfight ensued as the police team fired back.

Nasir was shot in the leg as he tried to escape, OC Khaled said, adding a gang of Jamaat-Shibir men named "Bashar group" shelters in the den and carries out terrorist activities in the area.

Police fired 20 shots while Shibir men nearly 50 bullets during the gunfight.

Two firearms, eight cartridges and three sharp weapons were recovered from the scene.

Mohammad Rimon, 22, a cadre of Jamaat's student body Islami Chhatra Shibir, was also arrested at the spot after the gunfight, police sources said.

# UN slams Israeli destruction of Jordan Valley homes

AFP, Jerusalem

The UN humanitarian coordinator for the Palestinian territories Friday criticised Israel's demolition of 36 homes in the Jordan Valley and urged a halt to such actions in the West Bank.

Hundreds of activists, meanwhile, staged an overnight demonstration in the Jordan Valley region.

The moves came as fresh opinion poll evidence showed that faith in the Middle East peace process has largely evaporated among both Israelis and Palestinians.

The demolitions in the Jordan Valley community of Ain el-Helwe on Thursday displaced 66

people, including 36 children, James Rawley said in a statement.

"I am deeply concerned about the ongoing displacement and dispossession of Palestinians... along the Jordan Valley where the number of structures demolished more than doubled in the last year," he said.

"This activity not only deprives Palestinians of access to shelter and basic services, it also runs counter to international law."

His office said more than 1,000 people had been displaced last year in the West Bank and annexed east Jerusalem by demolitions on the grounds that homes had been built without Israeli permits, "which are virtually impossible to obtain".

## African nations pledge cash for C Africa

AFP, Addis Ababa

Violence in Central African Republic could tear the country apart and destabilise the region, officials warned yesterday as African countries raised cash for a peacekeeping force in the strife-torn country.

The pledging conference comes after African leaders called for urgent solutions to the crisis in Central Africa, a landlocked, resource-rich but impoverished nation where weeks of sectarian violence have killed thousands.

"Clearly the collapse of law and order is a threat to the very existence of the Central African state, it has the potential to seriously impact on regional security and stability," said Smail Chergui, the top African Union (AU) peace and the security official, told the conference.

## Develop habit

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At school level, Chittagong Government High School won the champion's trophy, while Dr Khastagir Government Girls High School and Chittagong Collegiate School became the first and second runner-up.

In his speech, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam termed debate an intellectual journey.

A total of 16 universities and 14 schools participated in the competition.

## 19-party yet

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However, Abdul Latif Jony, assistant office secretary of the BNP, claimed they have a copy of the application received by the DMP commissioner's office yesterday morning.

PRESS BRIEFING BY RIZVI

BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed yesterday blasted the government for repeated refusal of permission for holding rallies in the capital.

As the present "illegal government" is afraid of people, it is not allowing the opposition to hold any programme, he told a press conference at the party's Nayapalant headquarters in the evening.

Rizvi accused the government of killing people in the name of crossfire for boycotting the January 5 "farical polls". He added the administration, joint forces and Awami League cadres are "being used to kill opposition leaders and activists".

And the government, he said, would have to face trial for this.

## Boral river

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recommendations of the technical committee had been approved by the taskforce on November 14 last year.

"The taskforce will take necessary steps for dredging the river in line with the recommendations," he said.

He, however, added that the process might take some time owing to administrative difficulties.

While talking to The Daily Star, Md Khaza Hannan, deputy secretary of the ministry of shipping, said: "The river taskforce will take necessary steps to implement the recommendations for reviving the dying river."

It may be recalled that since 2008, local people and environmentalists have been demanding dredging work in the river so that its navigability could be restored.

## Inqilab's press opened

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after completing some legal procedures. He expected that the legal procedures would be completed today.

Earlier on January 16, the detectives raided the Inqilab office at night, picked up three journalists, sealed off the press and server rooms and seized three computers.

The move came hours after law enforcers had filed a case accusing the newspaper's editor, publisher, chief reporter and another reporter of publishing a baseless news item that Indian

forces took part in operations in Satkhira ahead of the January 5 polls.

The detainees are News Editor Rabiullah Rabi, Deputy Chief Reporter Rafiq Mohammad and Diplomatic Correspondent Ahmed Attique. Afjal Bari, a senior reporter of the daily, was also picked up that night but was later released.

The newspaper authorities on its online version have apologised for publishing the report.

Meanwhile, Attique gave a confessional statement before a magistrate on Thursday in connection with the report.

## Tribunal-1 resumes war trial soon

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They said the government was busy with the 10th parliamentary election held on January 5 and formation of the new government and thus could not take an initiative to that end.

Speaking anonymously, a law ministry official said the government had earlier decided to reappoint Justice ATM Fazle Kabir as the chairman of ICT-1, but it had changed the decision due to "some legal complexity".

The government on January 23 appointed Justice Fazle Kabir as a member of the Law Commission.

Two existing judges of the ICT-1 Justice Jahangir Hossain and Justice Anwarul Haque have meanwhile not sat in the bench as the tribu-

nal was not reconstituted, insiders said.

Supreme Court Registrar AKM Shamsul Islam on January 29 said if the government wanted to appoint an HC sitting judge as the ICT-1 chairman, it had to take approval from the chief justice.

The chief justice's nod was not required if the government wanted to appoint a retired judge in the post, he added.

The tribunal-1 headed by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir completed trial of war crimes accused Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami on November 20 last year and kept the case waiting for verdict.

A few other war crimes cases are pending with the tribunal, according to sources.

## Politicians blamed

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Buriganga, but they had not done anything significant to save the river.

Though the Boral movement had received comparatively less attention than the Buriganga movement, much work had been done to save Boral, she noted.

As the course of the river had changed a lot, it would be hard to revive it, Engineer M Inamul Haq told the meeting.

Many portions of Boral had been taken under fishery projects labelling those as stagnant water bodies, said SM Mizanur Rahman, secretary general of the Riverine People.

He warned that such initiatives would be

disastrous for ecology and biodiversity of the river.

"We had never treated a river the way it should have been treated," said Dr Ishtiaq Sobhan, country representative of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

It was not impossible to recover the grabbed river if the government was sincere about it, he added.

Abu Sayeed Khan, managing editor of the Daily Samakal suggested the "Save the Boral River" movement be turned into a political issue.

Earlier, M Anwar Hossain, senator of the Riverine People, delivered the welcome speech.

Tofayel Ahmed, Sharifuzzaman Sharif, Shamsur Ali, Suman Shams, among others, spoke.

**বেসরকারি শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন ও প্রত্যয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ (NTRCA)**  
 নায়ম ক্যাম্পাস, একাডেমিক ভবন (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা-১২০৫  
 স্মারক নম্বরঃ বৈশিষ্টিক/১ম শ্রেণী কর্মকর্তা নিয়োগ/২৫৫ (অংশ-২)/০৯/০৫ তারিখঃ ২৮ জানুয়ারি ২০১৪খ্রিঃ

**পুনঃ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বেসরকারি শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন ও প্রত্যয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষের (এনটিআরসিএ) কার্যালয়ের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত পদে লোক নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। পদের পার্শ্বে প্রয়োজনীয় শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, বয়সসীমা এবং বেতনক্রম উল্লেখ করা হলোঃ

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১.	সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার ১১০০০-২০৩৭০/-	২১-৩০ বছর	১	ক. পদার্থবিজ্ঞান/ফিলিত পদার্থবিজ্ঞান/গণিত/পরিসংখ্যান/অর্থনীতি/বাণিজ্য/ব্যবসায় প্রশাসন-এ স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি বা বিএসসি (ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং)। খ. প্রোগ্রামিং সম্পর্কিত যোগ্যতা নির্ণায়ক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে। গ. স্বীকৃত প্রফেশনাল কম্পিউটার সোসাইটির সহযোগী সদস্য (Associate Membership) হতে হবে।

শর্তাবলীঃ

- আবেদনপত্র সর্বশেষ ২৬ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৪খ্রিঃ তারিখ অথবা তৎপূর্বে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে "সচিব, বেসরকারি শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন ও প্রত্যয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ (NTRCA), নায়ম ক্যাম্পাস, একাডেমিক ভবন (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা-১২০৫" ঠিকানায় অবশ্যই ডাকযোগে পৌঁছাতে হবে। সরাসরি বা হাতে হাতে কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
- আবেদনকারীদের বয়স ৭ নভেম্বর ২০১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখে ২১-৩০ বছরের মধ্যে হতে হবে।
- আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্র/ডকুমেন্ট অবশ্যই সংযুক্ত থাকতে হবে। অন্যথায় আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবেঃ
  - ক. আবেদনপত্রে নাম, পিতার নাম, মাতার নাম, স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, বর্তমান ঠিকানা, নিজ জেলা, জন্ম তারিখ, ধর্ম, জাতীয়তা, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা (যদি থাকে) ইত্যাদি উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
  - খ. প্রথম শ্রেণীর পেজেন্টেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত স্মার্ট টোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ৩ (তিন) কপি রসিদ ছবি।
  - গ. বয়স প্রমাণের জন্য এসএসসি/সমমান পরীক্ষার মূল/সাময়িক সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি।
  - ঘ. জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি।
  - ঙ. সকল শিক্ষাগত ও অন্যান্য যোগ্যতার মূল/সাময়িক সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি।
  - চ. ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/সর্বশ্রেণী ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত্ব সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি।
  - ছ. আবেদনকারীর নাম ও পত্র যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা (বর্তমান ঠিকানা) লেখা ১০.০০ (দশ) টাকার অব্যবহৃত ডাকটিকেট সংযুক্ত আনুমানিক ১০"x৪.৫" মাপের একটি খাম।
  - জ. পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ সচিব, এনটিআরসিএ-এর অনুকূলে ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) সংযুক্ত করতে হবে;
  - ঝ. মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সন্তান/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সন্তান, উপজাতি, আনসার ও গ্রাম প্রতিরক্ষা বাহিনী, এতিম ও শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থীদের সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্তৃপক্ষের যথাযথ প্রত্যয়নসহ আবেদন করতে হবে।
  - ঞ. এতিমখানা নিবাসী/শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সমাজকল্যাণ অধিদপ্তরের নিবন্ধনকরণ সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে;
- আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত ছবি এবং অন্যান্য সকল কাগজপত্র একজন প্রথম শ্রেণীর সরকারি পেজেন্টেড কর্মকর্তার নাম সন্নিহিত সিল দ্বারা সত্যায়িত হতে হবে।
- আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণের খামের বাম পার্শ্বের উপরের অংশে অবশ্যই স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে পদের নাম ও নিজ জেলা উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/খায়ত্তশাসিত সংস্থার চাকুরীভুক্ত প্রার্থীদেরকে অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণ করতে হবে।
- অস্পষ্ট/অসম্পূর্ণ/বিলাসে পৌছানো/কাটাছেড়ায়ুক্ত/একই খামের মধ্যে একাধিক আবেদনপত্র অথবা আবেদনপত্রের গায়ে কোন প্রকার সুপারিশ থাকলে তা সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- যে সকল আবেদনকারী ৭ নভেম্বর ২০১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখে এ বিষয়ে প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তির পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে আবেদন করেছেন তাদের আর আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।
- লিখিত/মৌখিক/ব্যবহারিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।
- কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোন আবেদনপত্র বাতিলের অধিকার কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- নিয়োগের ব্যাপারে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

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