

NEWSIN brief

Shibir man held with pistol over attack on 2 RU BCL leaders

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday afternoon arrested a Shibir activist of Rajshahi University unit near the university over an attack on two Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders.

Ashikur Rahman alias Maiful was held with a foreign pistol and a bullet, said Colonel Mahub Alam, commander of Rab-5.

On April 29, miscreants severed off the ankle of BCL leader Abdullah al Masud and cut tendons of both hands and legs of his fellow Togor Mohammad Saleh on the campus.

Workshop on parenting, child development held

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A workshop on "Effective parenting and child development" organised by Professional Women's Association was held at the seminar room of Eastern University in the capital yesterday morning.

Nishat Fatima Rahman, the association's vice-president; and Nowshinnahar Anita, psycho-social counsellor of the university, spoke on the occasion.

Prof Abdur Rob, vice-chancellor of EU; and Pinki Shah, the association's president and also associate professor of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh were also present.

Suranjit for AL's

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between February 2013 and February 2014.

The government has to be more serious about protecting minorities, said Prof Rehman Sobhan, chairman of the Centre for Policy Dialogue.

Pompous

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chief election commissioner and president of Gulshan Society.

"We want speedy implementation of Rajuk's lake development schemes including a motor driveway along the banks to prevent encroachment and Wasa's sewerage system scheme to stop pollution with sanitary and clinical wastes," he said.

The DoE several years back declared the lakes in the area as ecologically critical.

Bazlur Rahman, Wasa chief engineer, told The Daily Star that the lake pollution with sanitary and clinical wastes was a failure of everybody, as Wasa alone could not stop it until a complete network of sanitary sewerage system was in place.

Currently, the owners of the houses without septic tanks connect the faeces outlets to storm sewers that carry filth directly into the lakes without treatment.

Environment and Forest Minister Anwar Hossain Manju, who attended the parade as chief guest, assured the local communities of his support for expediting the lake conservation schemes.

Nearly 500 people, mostly private and city corporation cleaners, lower-tier employees, and a number of staff and high officials of the said organisations joined the procession.

Non-uniform primary education discriminatory Seminar told

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By failing to establish a uniform primary education system for all and prevent the commercialisation of education, the state itself has discriminated against its citizens, speakers told a seminar yesterday.

Geographical, linguistic and regional discriminations exist in primary education, as people of all areas and ethnic and socio-economic are not provided with equal facilities and education of the same quality, they said.

The seminar was organised in the capital's Cirdap auditorium by Amader Odhikar Foundation, a platform of 40 voluntary organisations, funded by Oxfam.

In his paper, Prof Salimullah Khan of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), criticised non-formal education, which is given to children between ages 8

and 14 deprived of formal education, as an "emergency arrangement" to cut literacy rate rather than educate people.

He also said the national education policy 2010 encouraged religious studies and vocational education for the underprivileged class, and alleged that it was influenced by donor agencies.

Khan said primary education should be public, uniform, secular and national, and it was the state's responsibility to ensure it for all.

Former caretaker government adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury, however, said it was not possible for the state to do everything alone. She urged the people to come forward.

She, however, criticised the government for its failure to stop the "admission business"--charging of large sums of money apart from admission fees at many educational institutions.

Public reps of Chandpur-2

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of Maya, disaster management and relief minister, was "totally false, baseless and imaginary."

However, the representatives -- mainly chairmen of different union parishads of Matlab Uttar upazila, and chairmen and vice-chairmen of Matlab Uttar and Dakkin upazilas -- hurriedly left the press conference without responding to the queries of reporters.

Manjur Ahmed Manju, chairman of Matlab Uttar upazila, read out a written statement.

As reporters asked him questions, he declined to give any answer, saying, "We have given all answers in our written statement."

Maya, also general secretary of Dhaka city unit of Awami League, issuing a statement on Friday, claimed that none of his family members had any involvement in the Narayanganj incident.

DU decides to suspend

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specifying the period, confirmed Siddiqui Nazmul Alam, central general secretary of BCL.

The suspended are Srijon Gosh Sajeeb, deputy sports secretary of BCL central unit; Anupom Chandra, vice president of Jagannath Hall unit, DU; and Abdullah Al-Mamun, student welfare secretary of Mohsin Hall unit; and Himel, an activist of

the hall. They are now in police custody.

Two other accomplices are also in jail.

The six men picked up Farhad Islam, 25, a small trader, on Thursday to force him to pay Tk 5 lakh to a man who lent the amount to one of Farhad's friends under his auspices.

At least three other such incidents involving DU BCL men had occurred since January.

Cook-off starts

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cook-off before and all that I know about cooking is because of different cooking shows."

Shawkat Osman said four will be selected from the region out of 40 shortlisted candidates through written, viva and practical tests. Besides having a ticket to the final round, each of the four will win Tk 25,000.

The hunt for Bangladesh's first ever Super Chef will continue in Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal, Chittagong and Dhaka throughout the next two months.

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Ctg hospital fire prompts

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Syed Mohammed Mahabubul Hoque, assistant general manager as well as company secretary of the hospital, said the hospital's medical services would remain closed for two days till today.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Civil Surgeon Office formed a three-member committee, led by Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr MD Rafiq Uddin, to investigate the matter.

Dr Rafiq said they had ordered the hospital to stop its medical services until its utilities including electricity and water supplies were restored.

They will submit the probe report tomorrow, he added.

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