

MITFORD HOSPITAL Intern assaults nurse Victim's colleagues go on strike; attacker suspended; protesters to stop work for 5hrs a day for 3 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Healthcare services at Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital halted yesterday as the nurses observed a sudden work abstention after one of their colleagues was assaulted allegedly by an intern.

The agitating nurses said they would continue observing work abstention from 8:00am to 1:00pm for three days from today to press home their demand for arrest of the intern and cancellation of his registration.

They threatened to observe indefinite work abstention if their demand was not met within the three days.

Injured Bokul Rani Das, a senior staff nurse, was treated at the hospital, while the hospital authorities suspended intern Rakibul Islam Sujon.

The incident occurred over a trifle matter of giving saline to a patient at the hospital's obstetrics and gynaecology department where both worked, said witnesses.

They said Rakibul had asked Bokul to give intravenous saline to a patient, but Bokul said she would do it after finishing what she had been doing at the time.

The intern then verbally abused her leading to an altercation between them. At one stage, Rakibul dragged Bokul to another room and beat her mercilessly, they added.

Brig Gen Md Zakir Hassan, director of the hospital, said the administration formed a four-member committee to look into the matter, adding that a meeting between the administration and the nurses decided that the nurses would render their services should an emergency situation arise at the hospital.

RU flouts own order Allows suspended, demoted BCL leader Tuhin to take exam

RU CORRESPONDENT

SM Touhid-Al-Hossain Tuhin, the former general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League at Rajshahi University, was suspended from the university for an unspecified period for beating up an official late last month but he appeared at his fourth-year viva-voce yesterday. The test was taken in secret, official sources told The Daily Star.

On August 28, Tuhin and BCL vice president of RU unit Tanmoy Ananda Avi led their followers into the vice chancellor's office and beat up the university's acting chief engineer, Sirajum Munir, there, as he refused to "pay Tk 1 lakh as extortion money".

The BCL central committee removed Tuhin as general secretary of unit a day later, while RU authorities suspended three BCL leaders including Tuhin on August 30.

Registrar Prof Entajil Haque also filed an extortion case against Tuhin and other BCL men the same day.

Sources at the finance and banking department where Tuhin is enrolled said Tuhin attended the viva voce though he could not take part in any academic activities for being suspended.

Amzad Hossain, chairman of the department, said they did not get any copy of the suspension order from the registrar's office yet; so they allowed him to appear at the viva-voce. He said they would cancel Tuhin's exam if the authorities directed them to do so.

The registrar said the suspension order was not published, as an investigation was underway in this regard. The notice will be sent to the department immediately, he added.

Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin said, "We will look into how he could appear at the viva voce."

DRUG PEDDLING, ASSAULT ON COPS 7 AL men sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday sent seven ruling Awami League men, including one ward-level leader, to jail after police filed two cases against them and six other activists on charges of assaults on cops and drug peddling.

The seven were arrested on Friday night in Bhatikhana Gaousar area of Barisal city.

Sub-inspector Shahin, complainant of the two cases, said a police patrol team primarily arrested four with hemp, but when they were taking them to Kawnia Police Station, some activists led by Murad Hossain Rintu, general secretary of ward-4 unit of the AL, arrived there, assaulted cops, and tried to snatch the detainees. Police then called in reinforcement and rounded up the seven including Rintu.

The four accused in the drug case are Salahuddin Khan, Mehedi Hasan, Mustafijur Rahman and Wahid Hossain, while the nine men accused of assaulting police are Rintu, Shafikul Islam Nannu, AK Azad Mia, Tofel Mia, Soheli Akon, Rajib, Shamim, Alamin and Shahid.

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PT Prabhakar, Rotary director; Safina Rahman, governor; and other leaders of the organisation at Rotary District Membership Seminar in Dhaka on Friday.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Needs to address indigenous plights

Say activist leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's women's rights movement will not gain momentum if it forgets the plight of indigenous women, said speakers at a conference yesterday.

They further said to strengthen women's rights movement, the organisations concerned should incorporate the struggle of rural women.

The two-day "National Indigenous Women's Conference 2014" was organised by Bangladesh Adivasi Nari Network and Kapeeng Foundation at CBCB Centre in the capital. The event ends today.

Indigenous women face marginalisation because of their ethnicity, gender, and poverty, they said.

While they are marginalised because they

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'Shibir protesters' now

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to normal immediately after opening of the dormitories."

Under the banner of general students, Shibir men enforced an "indefinite strike" on August 31, demanding reopening of Suhrawardy and Shah Amanat halls, which were temporarily shut following a gunfight between Shibir and Bangladesh Chhatra League three days before.

The two dorms are reportedly dominated by Shibir.

At least two teachers' buses were vandalised and railway stations were bombed twice earlier.

Inspector Main Uddin, in-charge of CU Police Outpost, said the Shibir activists were

involved in the sneak attacks. He said they had engaged informers to identify the attackers.

Meanwhile, while Shibir is continuing terrorising people, the authorities are yet to take any specific action for the halls' reopening. The proctor only said they would reopen "soon".

Probal Majumder, president of CU unit of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, said, "This is a result of the forced opening of halls by Chhatra League and Shibir—one trying to establish supremacy and the other seeking to maintain dominance... General students are suffering for them."

He urged the authority to allot seats to genuine students in the dormitories.

Controversy whirling

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secretary general Haroon Habib.

"We fear that this highly controversial book of Mr Khandker would be used as a new weapon by the conspirators at home and abroad, who are already involved in distorting the history of Bangladesh's independence," it adds.

Among the 21 signatories are sectors commanders Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafullah, Maj Gen (retd) CR Dutta, and Lt Col (retd) Abu Osman Chowdhury.

KHANDKER 'UNMASKED' AL
BNP standing committee member MK Anwar yesterday said AK Khandker, in his book, had "exposed Awami League's real face" regarding its role in the liberation war.

Because of "unmasking" the AL, the ruling party lawmakers are bashing him in

parliament and demanding his trial for sedition, he told a discussion of Jatiyatabadi Shwecchashebok Dal, the BNP's volunteer wing, at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

The BNP leader said that like Khandker, former caretaker government chief Habibur Rahman in one of his books had claimed that Sheikh Mujib had shouted "Joy Pakistan" in that speech.

COPY OF BOOK BURNT
Meanwhile, Zunaid Ahmed Palak, state minister for information and communication technology (ICT), yesterday burnt a copy of Khandker's book on Rajshahi University campus terming it "confusing", said witnesses.

Palak was accorded a reception by RU Chhatra League, violating the university authorities' ban on all political gatherings and use of megaphones on the campus.

Abe hopes for talks

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latter hoped that his visit, following his counterpart Sheikh Hasina's trip to Japan, would further boost Dhaka's economic relations with Tokyo, reports UNB.

The president recalled Japan's support and cooperation in Bangladesh's liberation war and Tokyo's early recognition of Bangladesh's independence. He also conveyed his regards to Emperor Akihito and invited him to visit Bangladesh.

RAUSHAN CALLS ON ABE

After Khaleda, Abe met Leader of the Opposition Raushan Ershad at the same venue for about 20 minutes.

Opposition Chief Whip Tajul Islam Chowdhury, who aided Raushan, told reporters that she requested Abe to give assistance to Bangladesh's garment industry. Tajul said political issues or Bangladesh's one-sided January 5 elections were not discussed.

DU ADMISSION TEST CHEATERS

Four sent to jail Three cases filed against them, three others released

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University authorities yesterday sued four out of the seven admission seekers who were caught with answers to the test questions in the inbox of their mobile phones during the "Ga" unit admission test.

As of filing the report at 8:00pm, the authorities filed three cases against the four admission seekers, while the other three were released on Friday. The four in jail are Ahadur Rahman, Nurul Afsar, Mehedi Hasan and Ershad Haque.

DU acting Proctor Prof Amzad Ali said they were preparing to file cases against the other three as well.

Faisal Kabir, who sat for the exam in Badrunnesa Government Girls' College, was released from the centre.

Prof Amzad Ali claimed that they handed Faisal over to the college authorities and on duty Chawkbazar police with evidence.

However, Azizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the police station, claimed he knew nothing of the incident.

While another admission seeker, Arifur Rahman, was taken to Kalabagan Police Station and released from there.

Contacted, Md Iqbal, officer-in-charge of the police station, claimed they freed Arif as the university authorities did not contact them.

Contradicting the OC's statement, Prof Amzad alleged two university teachers handed over Arif to the police station.

Similarly, Sanjana Binte Bashir was freed only after giving an undertaking.

After being caught at Burhanuddin College, Sanjana was taken to the university where she gave an undertaking and then was released.

As many as 49,476 aspirants appeared in the hour-long admission test held in 21 centres outside the university on Friday.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Army sends team to UN peace mission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three contingents of Bangladesh Army for the first time will be deployed in the Central African Republic under the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

The contingent's first team comprising 227 members left the country on a chartered flight of the UN on Friday night, said a press release of Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate.

A total of 890 members of infantry division, signal unit and medical unit are being deployed there.

Man shot, mugged in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot and hacked an owner of bKash service provider and snatched away around Tk 3 lakh and 40 mobile sets from his possession in the capital's Dhalpur last night.

In a critical condition, Mohammad Manik, 35, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Haider Ali, assistant sub-inspector of DMCH police camp.

The incident occurred around 11:00pm, when Manik, after shutting his shop, was walking towards his nearby house, said witnesses.

Monirul's struggle

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Speaking as chief guest, Finance Minister AMA Muhiit lauded the scholarship programme, saying it would help underprivileged, meritorious students to use their talents.

Law Minister Anisul Huq urged different corporate bodies to come up with similar programmes.

Chairing the function, DBBL Chairman Sayem Ahmed said at least 90 percent of the winners of the bank's scholarships were from rural areas and at least 50 percent were girls.

KS Tabrez, the bank's managing director, hoped to continue such programmes.

Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh Gerben de Jong also attended the function.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rokeya Khan, wife of late Ataher Ali Khan of Fulkuchi village in Munshiganj's Sreenagar upazila, passed away in the capital's United Hospital yesterday morning at the age of 87.

Mother of Mohsin Ali Khan, former high commissioner of Bangladesh to Canada, and former foreign secretary; Shawkat Ali Khan; and Masud Khan, a freedom fighter and former student leader, she left behind six sons and six daughters. She was buried at Banani graveyard in the city.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK



Ahmed Bhuiyan, former senior principal officer of Bangladesh Krishi Bank.

He died in a road accident in Sonargaon area of Narayanganj.

Major

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not have design and construction documents.

Under the CNCRP, the PWD with Japanese technical assistance has so far assessed 55 readymade garment factory buildings for retrofitting.

Malek said the government should seek foreign fund to train technical professionals on retrofitting, encourage private owners for retrofitting and compliance with the building code and preparing documents on all the buildings.

Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, a leading civil engineer and vice-chancellor of the University of Asia Pacific, said 90 percent of the buildings in the country were non-engineered, which meant they were built without the consult of an architect.

Mujib Bahini

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criminals in 1973 without consulting him, he said.

Instead of forming a militia with freedom fighters, according to Ahmad's initiative, Rakkhi Bahini was created with members from Mujib Bahini, said the educationist. Ahmad also opposed World Bank aid and termed Baksal a "sohomoron party" (party of collective death), he said.

Prof Islam said an effective opposition party was required after liberation to point out the faults of the government. "An opposition party is a must in bourgeois democracy. But we haven't got it yet and that is why we are facing so many problems."

Agreeing with Islam, Barrister Amirul Islam, said, "A government and an opposition, both loyal to the constitution, are required for running the state." That has not happened in Bangladesh, he added.

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