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Farmers carry early variety T-aman paddy harvested from their field at Mirzapur in Sherpur upazila under Bogra district that sees cultivation of the paddy on 1,90,000 hectares of land this season.

## 300 TONNES COAL SCAM AT BARAPUKURIA

# 3 officials, 2 outsourcing staff withdrawn

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Three officials of Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd [BCMCL] have been closed from their existing department while two employees under the outsourcing company of BCMCL have been withdrawn in connection with the 300 tonnes coal misappropriation incident.

Meanwhile, Md Masum Ali, owner of the coal recipient M/s Rabin Traders of Savar in Dhaka, paid Tk 27.60 lakh to BCMCL's

bank account as price of the coal on Sunday last, said Md Aminuzzaman, managing director (MD) of BCMCL.

The five withdrawn staff are -- Md Abdul Mannan Patwari, general manager (Finance), Gopal Chandra Saha, deputy general manager (Finance), and Kamrul Hasan, deputy manager (Budget and Cost Control), of BCMCL, Md Shakil Ahmed, office assistant, and Rabiul Islam, attendant, of the outsourcing company of BCMCL.

The first three have been attached to the office of the

managing director, BCMCL sources said, adding that the decision was taken at its 224th board meeting on Sunday.

The BCMCL authorities found discrepancy of 300 tonnes of coal worth Tk 27.60 lakh during a closing evaluation of its financial report of 2013-14 fiscal year.

Later, it found that the coal was delivered with fake bank documents to M/s Rabin Traders of Savar in Dhaka on May 16 and 17 this year, BCMCL sources said.

A three-member investigation team formed on August 20 with AKM Sirajul Islam, general manager (Administration) as the chief submitted their report on September 2, saying that the allegation of the negligence of the three officials and two staff were found true.

Confirming the matter, BCMCL MD Md Aminuzzaman said another investigation team headed by AKM Sirajul Islam was formed on October 16 for further probe into the incident.

## Jubo League activist murdered

UNB, Khulna

A local Jubo League activist was murdered in Terokhada upazila of the district yesterday. The victim, Mirajul Islam Fakir, 26, was an activist of Jubo League upazila unit. He hailed from Harikhali village in the upazila.

Locals spotted Mirajul's body with throat slit on the bank of the Atharobeki River near his village in the morning and informed the police, said Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Terokhada Police Station.

Law enforcers went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to the hospital for post-mortem examination. The body also bore several injury marks, police said.

## Ex-envoys

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Foundation are jointly organising the programme. The event will bring together former high commissioners of Bangladesh and India who will share their mutual experiences on the current state of India-Bangladesh relations.

Indian High Commission sources said six former high commissioners of the country, who previously served in Dhaka, are expected to participate in this summit.

They are Muchkund Dubey (Oct 1979-Oct 1982), IS Chadha (Oct 1985-Feb 1989), Deb Mukharji (March 1995-July 2000), Veena Sikri (Dec 2003-Nov 2006), Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty (January 2007-Dec 2009) and Rajet Mitter (Dec 2009-Oct 2011).

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali will address the inaugural session as the chief guest, while it will also be addressed, among others, by Dhaka University Vice-chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof Ashequa Irshad and Prof Imtiaz Ahmed of Department of International Relations.

# 97 flood-ravaged primary schools in Gaibandha await reconstruction

## Kids' education badly hampered

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

Classes in 97 primary schools in the district are badly hampered as the schoolhouses, either eroded or badly damaged during the last floods, are yet to be renovated due to lack of fund.

Nine of the schools -- Bochagari, Bochadari Bhuiyan, Ujan Burail, Haripur BSM and Bhati Burail primary schools in Sundarganj upazila, Garamara and Garamara CP primary schools in Saghata upazila, Angaridaha and Kachir Char primary schools in Sadar upazila went into the riverbed.

Classes and examinations of these schools are held either in makeshift sheds or in small rooms

provided by local landlords.

Many of the students stopped coming to school as the makeshift schoolhouses have been set up at distant places, said Abdul Quddus, a guardian of Kachir Char village in Gaibandha Sadar upazila.

Besides, teachers and students often face problem due to lack of drinking water due to lack of drinking water and toilet facilities in the makeshift schoolhouses.

Floodwater badly damaged chairs, tables, benches and other equipment, even structures of the affected schools.

"Structure and furniture of the school were destroyed by the surging water during the last floods. Local people helped

to build a school shed where students take lessons in congested space," Afroza Begum, headmaster of Bhatirbera Anwara-Rabbi Government Primary School, said during this correspondent's visit there.

During the rainy season, the school remained closed for a long time, said Fazlul Huq, chairman of the school managing committee.

"The last flood affected 115 primary schoolhouses in four upazilas of Gaibandha district. Of them, nine disappeared due to river erosion while 88 others were badly damaged. We have submitted report to the authorities concerned on the matter," said AKM Amirul Islam, district primary education officer.



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Students of Haripur BSM Government Primary School in Sundarganj upazila under Gaibandha district attend classes at a makeshift house as the school building went into riverbed during the flood in September.

# Girl, college boy rescued a day into abduction

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A minor schoolgirl and a college boy, abducted in Jamalpur and Jessore districts on Wednesday, were rescued yesterday.

In Jamalpur, members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) rescued a six-year-old abducted girl from Biyara Bazar in Sadar upazila yesterday, reports our correspondent.

One Laboni, 40, wife of Anwar Hossain of Gopinathpur in Sarishabari upazila, entered the house of the class one student of the town for rent a room and abducted the girl on Wednesday afternoon.

She later demanded Tk two lakh as ransom from the family for her release over mobile phone, Anisuzzaman, camp commander of Rab-12, told the newsmen at his office.

The parents of the girl

then informed Rab men about the matter, he said.

After tracking the mobile call lists, the elite force raided Biyara Bazar and rescued the girl.

They also arrested the woman from the spot, said the Rab official.

Away in Jessore, Tauhidur Rahman, 17, a student of Bir Sheresta Noor Mohammad Government College, abducted at Sharatala Bazar on Wednesday night, was rescued from the town early yesterday, reports our Benapole correspondent.

Tauhidur Rahman, uncle of the victim, said a gang in a microbus abducted his nephew at gunpoint around 10:00pm.

Being informed, a police team in a drive rescued the boy from the area early yesterday.

At this, his hands and legs

were tied, said Shahidar Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sharsha Police Station.

However, none was arrested in this connection, said the OC.

Meanwhile, police are yet to rescue a college girl, who was abducted from Halmajhipara village in Gangachara upazila of Rangpur on November 1.

The 18-year-old girl, daughter of Ansar Ali of the village, is an HSC second-year student at Gangachara Mohila Degree College, reports our correspondent.

Police quoted victim's family members as saying that local vagabond Babul Islam, son Shaidar Rahman of the village used to stalk the girl on her way to and from college for long.

Recently her family members complained the matter to Babul's parents. Being aggrieved with the com-

plaint Babul threatened the girl to kidnap her.

Fearing by the threat, the girl's parents hurriedly married her off to Abdul Quddus, 27, son of Abdul Halim, a resident of Munshipara village of the upazila on November 1.

On November 8, around 9:30am, a gang of 4/5 youths led by Bulbul, abducted the girl on her way to the college.

Ansar Ali, father of the victim filed an abduction case with Gangachara Model Police Station on November 11 accusing Bulbul and 4/5 unnamed youths.

Police, however, yet to arrest any of the abductors or rescue the college girl.

Rezaul Islam Bosunia, sub-inspector and also investigation officer (IO) of the case, said they are trying hard to rescue the girl.

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