



Labourers employed by Ismail Beej Bhandar in Saidpur upaizla under Nilphamari district load rotten potatoes onto a truck for dumping them on a nearby field.

Cold storage dumps rotten potatoes in the open

Stink poses health risk to villagers

Stink from openly dumped 170 tonnes of rotten potato from a cold storage beside Dinajpur-Saidpur-Dhaka highway in Kamarpukur union of Saidpur upazila under the district causes health hazard in two villages. The cold storage named Ismail Beej Himagar Ltd at Kalabagan village received 1.40 lakh bags (each containing 85 kg) of potato last year but the depositors, mostly farmers, did not withdraw 20 thousand bags

of it as prices saw drastic fall, sources said. As the vegetable started rotting, the cold storage authorities recently dumped the item in cultivable lands at Kalabagan and Doluapara villages, persuading the farmers that it would turn into good fertiliser, they said. But unbearable odour now grips the whole area, said Ziaur Rahman, an inhabitant of Kalabagan village. Many people are now under health hazard due to the situation, Ayub Ali of adjacent Dolua village said.

Continuous exposure to stink may cause sleep disturbance, loss of appetite, vomiting etc to humans, said Sirajul Islam, resident medical officer of Saidpur 100-bed Hospital. "I have raised the matter at the monthly meeting of Saidpur upazila parishad. Following directive of the parishad chairman and sensing people's grievance, the cold storage authorities started covering the dumped potatoes with earth," said Ziko Ahmed, chairman of Kamarpukur union parishad. Visiting the two affected

villages a couple of days ago, this correspondent found that the cold storage authorities arranged bringing earth by tractors to cover the rotten potatoes. Contacted, Zakir Hossain, manager of the cold storage, said they had incurred a loss of about Tk 1 crore as farmers did not receive 20 thousand bags of potato last year. "Lately the potatoes began to rot and we had to throw it outside. As it started stinking badly, we are spreading bleaching powder and covering it with earth," he added.

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Acid attack on HSC examinee sparks protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Different socio-cultural organisations yesterday formed a human chain at Shaheed Firoj-Jahangir Square in the district town, demanding immediate arrest of the culprits who threw acid on a college girl at Hariswar village in Ishwarganj upazila on January 15.

The 17-year-old victim, also an HSC examinee, was first admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) and then shifted to Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) Hospital in the capital. Swabolambi Unnayan Samity (SUS), a non-governmental organisation (NGO), which works for the rehabilitation of the acid victims, organised the rally at the venue.

President of Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Committee advocate Nazrul Islam Chunnun, President of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Ferdaus Ara and Project Officer of (SUS) Zakir Hasan spoke at the rally.

The speakers alleged that law enforcers could not arrest the culprits even 10 days into the incident. They also issued a three-day ultimatum to the authorities concerned to arrest the acid throwers or face a tougher agitation.

Earlier, on January 15, Shamim Mia, 22, son of Abdus Salam of the village, threw acid on the girl through the window of her reading room, as her family refused a marriage proposal. The girl sustained burn injuries to her face and left eye.

Victim's father lodged a case against Shamim, his father Abdus Salam, and brother Enamul Haque on January 17, said Md Akhtaruzzaman, officer in-charge of Ishwarganj Police Station.

BCL men beat up three teachers in Manikganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men beat up three teachers of SK Government Girls' High School in the town yesterday.

The injured teachers are Motiar Rahman, Sukumar Roy, and Salma Akhter Shilu.

Police and school sources said around 15 BCL men, led by Manikganj district unit General Secretary Enamul Haque Rubel and Government Debendra College unit Vice President Shahinur Islam, swooped on assistant teacher Motiar Rahman as he refused to give them cellphone number of Headmistress Rebeka Jahan.

They also beat up assistant teacher Sukumar Roy and physical instructor Salma Akhter as they tried

to save their fellow teacher Motiar. He received treatment at Manikganj Sadar Hospital.

The incident occurred when Swaraswati Puja was being celebrated on the school premises. Witnesses said BCL Debendra College unit leader Shahinur entered the school at around 1:30pm while district unit leader Rubel and other BCL men were waiting outside the school gate.

Shahinur came to Motiar and asked him to give cellphone number of the headmistress. As the teacher refused to give him the number, he came out of the school and informed Rubel of the matter. Rubel along with his party men entered the school, physically assaulted Motiar and his colleagues Sukumar and Salma and left the scene.

Immediately after the incident, Headmistress Rebeka Jahan informed Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rashida Ferdous, also the president of the school managing committee, of the incident. The DC asked the law enforcers to take necessary actions against the perpetrators.

Hearing the news, Awami League's district unit General Secretary advocate Abdus Salam visited the school. He urged the school authorities to take lawful action against those who beat up the teachers.

Refuting the allegation of assaulting the teachers, BCL leader Enamul Haque Rubel said Shahinur and others locked in an altercation with the teachers as they refused to give them cellphone number of the headmistress.



Acting principal of Dinajpur Medical College Hospital, Dr Kanta Roy Rimi along with students fold hands in reverence to Swaraswati, Hindu goddess of wisdom, on the college premises as the community celebrated Swaraswati Puja across the country yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

AL activist hacked to death in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

An Awami League (AL) activist was hacked to death by unknown criminals at Paturia village in Sadar upazila of Magura district early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Rafiqul Islam, 35, son of Lal Biswas of the village. He was a member of AL Ward No 3 unit under Sadar upazila.

Tayebr Rahman, president of the AL unit, said criminals hacked him with sharp weapons while he was returning home from his neighbour Subodh Biswas' house at around 1:00am.

Hearing scream, family members and neighbours rushed to the spot and took Rafiq to Magura Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at around 7:00am, Tayebr added.

Contacted, Jahangir Alam, officer in-charge of Magura Sadar Police Station, said police are trying to identify the killers and unearth clue to the murder. Away in Mymensingh, criminals stabbed a local leader of the ruling party near the sub-registrar's office at Gouripur upazila headquarters yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The victim is Raushan Sarwar Sajib, 45, general secretary of a faction of AL Gouripur municipal-unit group. Police said criminals attacked Sajib in the area at around 5:00pm.

Critically injured Rajib was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) and then shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

Keep Tangail with Dhaka division

Citizens demand, vow to resist move to bring the district under proposed Mymensingh divn

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Cross sections of people in the district joined a human chain in Court area of the district town yesterday to press for their demand to keep the district with Dhaka division, instead of attaching it with proposed Mymensingh division.

Tangail District Bar Association organised the programme, keeping their activities at the court suspended.

Earlier on Saturday night, leaders of different political parties and representatives from professional, business and socio-cultural organisa-

tions in the district held a view exchange meeting at Tangail Press Club.

Tangail-6 lawmaker Khandakar Abdul Baten, Tangail-5 lawmaker Sanwar Hossain, district administrator and general secretary of district unit of ruling Awami League (AL) Fazlur Rahman Khan Faruque, district AL president Alamgir Khan Menu, district Jatiya Party president Salam Chakladar, district BNP organising secretary Farhad Iqbal, Tangail Bar Association president Shafiqul Islam Ripon, Zila Byabosayee Oikyojoat president Mostofa Kamal Labu, addressed the meeting with

Tangail Press Club President Ataur Rahman Azad in the chair.

The chairmen of the upazila parishads, mayors of the municipalities and several senior citizens of the district also spoke.

The speakers presented arguments against attachment of Tangail district with proposed Mymensingh division and vowed to resist any bid in this regard.

There will be tougher agitation programmes including disruption of communication between Dhaka and northern districts if any attempt is made to exclude Tangail from Dhaka division, they said.

Fatwa must not violate laws

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The Appellate Division of the SC released the full judgment more than 44 months into the announcement of a short verdict on it.

The apex court allowed the High Court to issue a suo moto rule on the matter without any petition, as there was a debate among the jurists on whether the HC had the jurisdiction to issue such a rule.

The SC had come up with the verdict on May 12, 2011, after endorsing in part two separate appeals filed against the two HC verdicts that had declared all kinds of fatwa and punishment in its name illegal.

The HC in January 2001 had declared fatwa illegal, after bigots forced a woman to engage in a Hilla marriage in Naogaon. Hilla marriage is a system in which if a man divorces his wife and then wants to remarry her, she has to marry a third person before her ex-husband can marry her again.

In another verdict in 2010, the HC banned punishment of any person using fatwa. Fatwa came to limelight

after it was used to punish mainly women in village arbitrations.

The six-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by the then chief justice ABM Khairul Haque delivered the verdict by majority views.

Other five judges of the bench are -- former chief justice Md Muzammel Hossain, present Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Muhammad Imman Ali.

"As such, although a Mufti, Maulana, or Imam may pronounce a fatwa, if requested, but cannot violate the laws of the land, rather, are bound by it. He should also be respectful of the fatwa or opinion of others," Justice Khairul said in his part of the verdict.

Justice Wahhab Miah had disagreed with the five judges in the verdict. He said in his judgment that the HC had no jurisdiction to issue any suo moto rule.

Meanwhile, the SC in the judgment said, "The issu-

ance of fatwa involving a finding of an 'offence against shari'at' and resulting in imposition and execution of extra-judicial penalties by person is not in accordance with law.

"The kind of offences for which women have been subjected to lashing and beating are 'talking to a man', 'pre-marital relations', 'having a child outside the wedlock'. None of these is an offence under the prevailing Bangladesh laws."

The SC said, "While in some cases, women have been found 'guilty' of adultery and punished, under Bangladesh law, adultery is an offence under section 497 of the Penal Code, but it does not envisage that a woman maybe an accused or subject to any penalty."

"Fatwa may be given strictly keeping in mind the restrictions imposed by this judgment. If any Fatwa is given violating the restrictions, it would amount to contempt of Court and if any person is found indulging in such violation will be punished accordingly," it ruled.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার কাস্টমস বন্ড কমিশনারেট ৩৪২/১, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।																			
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