

Relief ministry land under illegal occupation

Influential people in 4 upazilas of Nilphamari made false ownership documents and handed over possession to others in exchange for money

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Most of 3,602 acres of land belonging to relief and disaster management ministry is under illegal occupation of influential people in four upazilas of the district due to lack of proper maintenance.

In 1947-1952 period, the then Pakistan government acquired 3,031.83 acres of land in Dimla upazila, 543.10 acres in Sadar upazila, 22.50 acres in Jaldhaka upazila and 4.41 acres in Saidpur upazila to rehabilitate refugees coming from India in face of communal violence there, sources said.

A good number of Indian refugees were given shelter in a small portion of those lands while the rest remained unused till independence of Bangladesh, said Tabibul Islam Ahmed, chairman of Dimla upazila parishad.

"After 1971, a section of unscrupulous people gradually occupied those lands and started handing over possession to others in exchange for money. For this, buyers and sellers usually make unregistered deeds on government stamps," he said.

Some people in collusion with dishonest land officials even made false land ownership documents and sold those through registration in government land offices, sources said.

During the last land

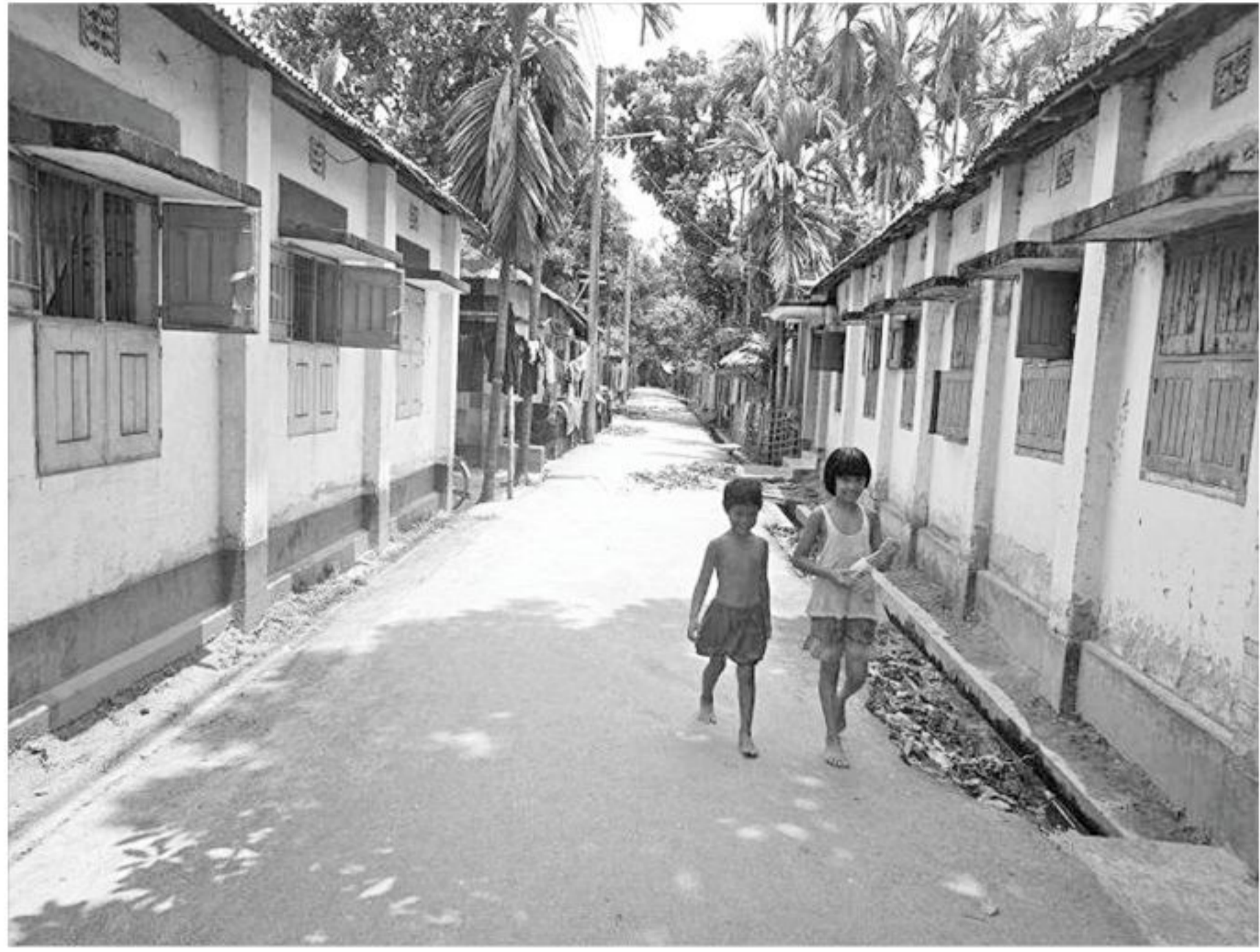


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Illegal occupiers have built these structures on the land of relief and rehabilitation ministry at Natun Bazar in Nilphamari municipality.

survey, some illegal occupants got a large portion of the government lands recorded as private property through bribing officials concerned but no action was taken despite filing of several written allegations to the higher authorities concerned.

The lands are under direct control of government's relief department and project implementation officers (PIO) of the upazilas concerned are to look after them but the PIOs have practically very little to do due to manpower shortage. Besides, they remain

busy in development works.

District administration made several attempts to recover the occupied land but those efforts ended in smoke as a section of political and local leaders backed illegal occupants.

During last caretaker government's tenure of 2007-2008, the authorities took a strong initiative to recover the occupied land, but the process discontinued later.

The government can earn a good amount of money if the 3,602-acre government land worth hundreds of crore taka is handled prop-

erly, land department sources said.

Sadar upazila parishad Chairman Abu Zar Rahman suggested that the government determine value of the occupied land, realise the prices from those who are in possession and hand it over to them legally.

Expressing concern about the situation, Nilphamari Deputy Commissioner Zakir Hossain said, "None can occupy government land permanently. The administration will recover it if the higher authorities give directives."

Youth jailed for stalking

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A mobile court sentenced a youth to three months' imprisonment for stalking a schoolgirl at Chaparhat village in Kaliganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The stalker is Abdul Aziz, 26, son of Nur Islam of Kalbhairab village.

Locals caught Aziz and handed him over to the police yesterday noon.

He was later produced before the court, led by Executive Magistrate Asaduzzaman, which delivered the verdict.

LAND SUBSIDENCE AROUND BARAPUKURIA COAL MINE

8 affected edn institutions get compensation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Eight land subsidence affected educational institutions around the Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd (BCMCL) in Parbatipur upazila of the district on Sunday got Tk 35 lakh and computers as compensation.

As part of their social responsibility, BCMCL authorities distributed the cash and computers at its complex in the afternoon.

As chief guest, local lawmaker Mostafizur Rahman Fizar distributed the cheques and computers to eight institutions at the

programme chaired by Aminuzzaman, managing director of BCMCL.

Addressing the programme, Fizar, minister of Primary and Mass Education Ministry, heavily came upon the affected villagers as they are yet to vacate the land in spite of getting proper compensation.

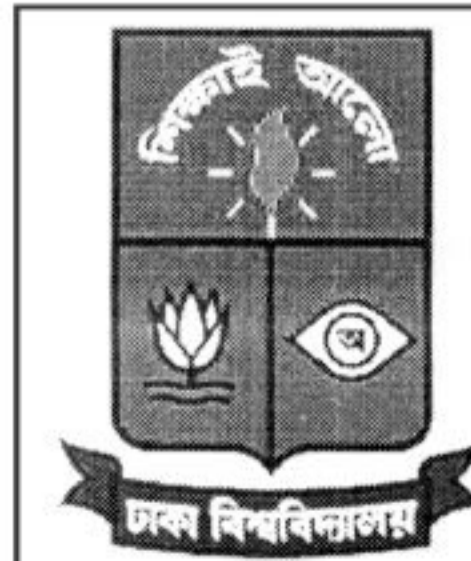
He also urged the affected people to leave their land as soon as possible.

The BCMCL authority distributed Tk 191 crore among the affected people to acquire 646 acres of land around the coal-mine area that subsided.



PHOTO: STAR

Locals form a human chain in Sunamganj town yesterday demanding arrest and due punishment of the criminals who brutally killed 13-year-old boy Sheikh Md Samiul Alam Rajon on Wednesday.



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Friend's fun costs his life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A boy met a tragic death as his friend hurled brick chips at him out of fun while bathing in the Purakhai River in Jaintapur upazila under Sylhet district on Sunday.

The deceased, Abdul Kadir Shahriar, 12, is son of Jahangir Uddin of Sarighat Sarufoud village in the upazila.

Shahriar along with his friend Jamil, 9, son of Tendal Hajir of Tikar village of Goanghat upazila, went to the river for bathing at about 5:00pm, locals said.

At one stage, Jamil hurled brick chips at Shahriar just as a fun, leaving him unconscious.

Seeing Shahriar's body floating on the river, locals informed police who recovered the body and sent it to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Officer-in-charge of Jaintapur Model Police Station, Golok Chandra Basak confirmed the incident.

KILLING OF NATORE FF 5 held, placed on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Police arrested five people in Parsaol area under Singra upazila of the district on Sunday night on charge of killing freedom fighter Nani Gopal Kundu and his wife.

The arrestees are Mantaz Ali, 50, Makhul Hossain, 48, Shamsul Haque, 37, Abdul Khaleque, 35, and Emdadul Haque Kalu, 40, of Parsaol village.

Later, police produced the five before a Natore court with a seven-day remand prayer, Motaleb Hossain, officer-in-charge of Singra Police Station said, adding that Senior Judicial Magistrate Israt Jahan Munni yesterday granted three days' remand.

Criminals strangled Nani Gopal, 75, and his wife Chitta Rani Kundu, 65, of the village over previous enmity at around 3:00am on Sunday.

Robbers abduct 15 fishermen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Robbers abducted at least 15 fishermen along with two fishing trawlers in the River Meghna near Nijhum Dwip under Hatiya upazila of the district on Sunday.

Of the abductees, ten were identified as Dulal Majhi, Khokan Majhi, Nasir Sareng, Bahar Sareng, Arshed Ali, Hasem, Sakawat Majhi, Ali Azgor, Manu Mia and Md Seraj.

Amzad Hossain, in-charge of Hatiya Coastguards, said a gang swooped on the fishermen in Jahajmara area while they were returning from the deep sea on Sunday evening.

The gang abducted 15 fishermen and took away two fishing trawlers, he added.

Severed head of Jhalakathi AL leader found, five held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Police recovered the severed head of a local leader of Swachhchasebak League, who was allegedly abducted three days ago, from the bank of Bishkhali River at Ragaur Char in Kathalia upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim is Masum Shikder, 32, organising secretary of Awrabunia union unit of Swachhchasebak League, and son of late freedom fighter Harun-ur-Rashid of Pashchim Sitki area in the upazila.

On Sunday, Masum's brother filed a general diary with Kathalia Police Station after the victim went missing on Friday, said Additional Superintendent of Police Abdur Rakib.

"Masum was abducted on Friday night

when he was returning home from Sitki Bazar," said his younger brother.

Locals found the severed head on the riverbank in the morning and informed the family members who later identified it as Masum's head.

The head was sent to Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the ASP, adding that police also recovered a severed hand of the victim from the spot.

Five people were detained in this connection, said the police official.

Masum's younger sister Mala Begum said their rivals might have killed him over a piece of disputed land.

Preparation to file a case was going on in this regard as of filing of this report around 6:00pm yesterday.



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A large number of people throng the makeshift market at Bou Bazar in Basuniapatti of Dinajpur town to buy clothes for cheap prices as Eid-ul-Fitr, the biggest religious festival of the Muslims, is only a couple of days away.

Farmers demand withdrawal of certificate cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Hundreds of poor farmers of Dariapur area under Gaibandha Sadar upazila besieged the local Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank yesterday, demanding withdrawal of certificate cases and restoration of easy-term bank loan for poor and marginal farmers.

Organised by the Gaibandha unit of Samajtantrik Khetmajur and Krishak Front, the farmers held a meeting at Dariapur market. Later, they laid siege to the local branch of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank.

Addressing a meeting at the venue, speakers said poor farmers were not getting fair prices of their agricultural products and it was becoming difficult to support their families. But, instead of waiving interest of bank loans, the bank authorities are filing certificate cases against the poor peasants.

Suffering from acute hardship, poverty

stricken farmers could not repay the loans granted to them in time, which has become a burden for them, the speakers said.

The speakers demanded that the authorities concerned stop filing of all certificate cases immediately. They also demanded introduction of easy-term agriculture loan for farmers and extension of the time for repayment of loans.

There are reports that bank officials are harassing borrowers of agriculture loan and creating pressure on them for repayment. Fearing arrest, many borrowers do not stay at their houses, the speakers pointed out.

Those who spoke on the occasion were Ahsanul Habib Sayeed, convener, Zila Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal, peasant leaders Kazi Abu Rahen Shafiullah, Zahidul Huq, Mozahedul Islam Ranu and Mahbubur Rahman.



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Locals gather in front of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank's Dariapur branch in Gaibandha district yesterday demanding withdrawal of certificate cases against loan defaulter farmers and arrangement of easy term loan for them.



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