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Fishes die afloat as criminals poured poison at a pond of Karimpur village in Kamalganj upazila under Moulvibazar district on Friday night.

67 resign from Manikganj BCL committee

Removal of dist unit president, secretary demanded for their alleged involvement in extortion, anti-organisational acts

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Manikganj

Sixty seven activists belonging to the district committee of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) have resigned from their posts in protest at what they said involvement of unit president Sadikul Islam Soha and general secretary Enamul Haque Rubel in extortion and anti-organisational activities.

They include vice presidents Abdullah Al Mamun, Jamil Khan Mojlish, Shariful Islam Milon, Asaduzzaman Rasel, joint secretaries Saiful Islam, Mehruz Hasan Bappi, Rezaul Karim Khan Rony, Shamim Hasan, organising secretaries Tanvir Foysal Rahi, Hasanul Jony, Kamrul Hasan Firoj, deputy publicity secretary Shahinur Rahman Sahin, office secretary Mirza Shahin, education and study circle secretary Rajib Hasan, deputy secretary Hasmat Ullah Sujon, cultural affairs secretary Mahmud Abbas Akash, sports affairs secretary Gazi Tasfikul Huda Abir, library secretary Sajib Hossain, deputy secretary Nasim Ahmed, information and research secretary Sourav

Ghosh Pappu, deputy secretary Mahdi Al Farabi, deputy student affairs secretary Maisha Hossain Tamanna, finance affairs secretary Jubayer Mahmud, deputy school student affairs secretary Sajib Sarker Bhulu, science and information technology secretary Kamrul Islam, deputy secretary Sajjad Arefin Masum, religious affairs secretary Afzal Hossain, relief and disaster management affairs secretary Ehsanul Haque Faruk, deputy secretary Milon Hossain, literature secretary Sudipta Swakkhar, human resources development affairs secretary Sajjad Hossain, deputy secretary Faruk Hossain Miru, entertainment secretary Selim Reza, deputy secretary Sujon Mia, mass communication development secretary Nahidul Islam Ridoy, four assistant secretaries and several executive members.

Contacted, Manikganj BCL president Sadikul Islam Soha and general secretary Enamul Haque Rubel said some influential leaders of Awami League, Jubo League, BCL and Sramik League forcibly took signatures from the BCL leaders for

their resignation to tarnish the image of local BCL.

A large section of local leaders of ruling Awami League (AL), BCL and other pro-AL front organisations have continued agitation including procession and rally for the last couple of days protesting extortion and anti-organisational activities of the two top leaders of Manikganj BCL.

Claiming that Soha and Rubel included many 'incompetent, married, over-aged and non-student' people in the committee in exchange of huge money, the agitators urged the BCL central committee to dissolve its Manikganj district committee.

Earlier, citing different allegations against Sadikul Islam Soha and Enamul Haque Rubel, leaders of district AL and its front organisations sent a letter to party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the party's central Organisational Secretary Ahmed Hossain, also in charge to look after Manikganj AL.

Lawmaker from Manikganj-3 constituency and State Minister of Health

Jahid Maleque Swapan, Manikganj district unit AL President Golam Mohiuddin, its General Secretary Abdus Salam, Manikganj municipality Mayor Md Ramzan Ali, Manikganj district sports association Secretary and former youth and sports affairs secretary of Manikganj district AL AFM Sultanul Azam Khan Apel, Manikganj district Jubo League President Sudeb Saha, Manikganj district unit Sramik League President Babul Sarker, BCL Manikganj unit former presidents Abu Bakar Siddik Khan Tusher and Rafikul Islam Chowdhury Rana, and its former secretary Mahabubul Haque Khan put signatures on the allegation letter.

On July 23 in 2015, BCL central committee approved the 152-member Manikganj district committee although it was to be a 121-member one according to organisational constitution.

On November 30 last year, Sadikul Islam Soha and Enamul Haque Rubel were selected president and general secretary of Manikganj district BCL.



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A ferryboat crossing the Padma sees crowding of passengers as plying of small modes of water transport remained suspended in the turbulent river due to rough weather yesterday.

CASES FOR ATTACKING HINDUS, TORCHING HOUSES 13 BNP-Jamaat men sent to jail in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Thirteen BNP-Jamaat men, accused in the cases for attacking Hindus and torching their houses and shops at Kornai village in Dinajpur Sadar upazila during the parliamentary elections on January 5 last year, were sent to jail on Thursday.

The accused are Rafiqul Islam, 40, Faruk Hossain, 27, Jalal Member, 40, Rezu Mia, 22, Munu Mia, 26, Moinul Islam, 33, Sarwar Hossain, 35, Babu Mia, 22, and Shahin Alam, 22 of BNP; and Anisur Rahman, 38, Yousuf Ali, 40, Abdur Razzak, 42 and Abdur Rahim, 40, of Jamaat.

The Criminal Investigation Department

(CID) filed two cases against 87 BNP, Jamaat and Shibir leaders and activist with Sadar Police Station on January 7, 2014 for attacking and torching the houses of Hindus at Kornai village on the election day.

After investigation, the CID pressed charges against the accused in April this year and the court issued arrest warrants against them.

Thirteen out of 87 charge-sheeted accused appeared before the District and Sessions Judge's Court, Dinajpur, in the afternoon, seeking bail.

Judge Md. Hossain Shahid rejected the bail prayers of BNP-Jamaat men and sent them to jail.

Domestic help raped in Jessore

5 sued in Sylhet for killing girl after rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Benapole, Jessore

A minor domestic help was raped allegedly by her employer's son at Bosundia Bazar in Sadar upazila of Jessore district on Friday.

Police arrested the alleged rapist yesterday, said Shikdar Akkas Ali, officer-in-charge of Jessore Kotwali Police Station.

The arrestee is Nazmul Hossain Babu, 29, son of Kamruzzaman of the area.

The 10-year-old worked at the house of Kamruzzaman as a domestic help for long.

On Friday morning, Babu raped the girl, leaving her seriously injured. She was later sent to Jessore Medical College Hospital.

A case was filed with Kotwali Police Station in this connection, said the OC.

In Sylhet, five people have been sued on charge of raping and murdering a teenage girl in Kanaighat upazila of the district.

The accused include the girl's friend Azir Uddin of Borokheer village, reports our Moulvibazar correspondent.

The victim's father filed the case with Kanaighat Police Station on Friday night.

According to the case statement, a gang abducted the 17-year-old girl from her house at Narainpur village on July 24.

Later, her body was found hanging from the ceiling of a toilet at the house of neighbour Anisul Haque Chowdhury.

Azir Uddin, his father Montaz Ali Montai and brother-in-law Sharif Uddin killed the girl after rape, alleged locals, adding that the accused went into hiding soon after the incident.

Meanwhile, local people formed a human chain in the upazila town yesterday, demanding exemplary punishment of the killers, said Dr Foyaz Ahmed, chairman of Lakkhiprasad Union Parishad.

7 children swept away by Meghna, rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Seven children were rescued yesterday from the currents of the Meghna River, which is swollen due to high tides caused by the full moon.

According to a local chairman, Abul Hashem Mahajan, the children were all students of Char Patila Government Primary School of Bhola's Charfashion upazila.

The children had been playing on a village road when tidal waters suddenly inundated the area and swept them into the river.

Fortunately Nurnobi, a volunteer in a local cyclone preparedness programme, heard their screams and, after jumping into the river was able to rescue them.

The rescued children are: Farzana, 9, daughter of Md. Noman; Shanta, 10, daughter of Md. Hanif; Sumaiya, 8, daughter of Nesar Majhi; Javed, 10, son of Abdul Sattar; Ema, 10, daughter of Emam Hossain; Rima, 8, daughter of Kitab Ali, and; Salma, 10, daughter of Nur E. Alam.

The chairman says he heard of the incident from Nurnobi who took the children to South Aica health centre by speed boat for medical examination after they were rescued.

Local medical officer Sourav Das told The Daily Star the students were subsequently referred to Charfashion Upazila Health Complex.

Roadside tree illegally felled, locals foil further attempt

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinajpur

A few local activists allegedly belonging to Jubo League yesterday felled a roadside tree at Matherganj village beside Dinajpur-Parbatipur road in Chirirbandar upazila under the district and tried to fell another when villagers foiled the bid.

The tree fellers came to Matherganj village with six to seven hired labourers around 7:15am yesterday and started axing trees on both sides of Dinajpur-Parbatipur road there, witnesses said.

Within half an hour, they felled a giant rain tree near the Bailey bridge at Matherganj village and then started cutting another tree on

the other side of the road.

As locals gathered there and asked the men why they were felling those trees, their leader said he was awarded a tender to fell 160 trees, said Md Chanchal, a local journalist of Chirirbandar.

Villagers requested them to show the tender papers, but the latter failed.

As the number of people gathering at the spot rose, the tree fellers left the spot around 10:30am.

Visiting the spot, this correspondent found a rain tree felled while another tree, partially cut on the stump, remained vulnerable to collapse.

There are hundreds of

valuable trees on both sides of Dinajpur-Parbatipur road.

"These trees are no longer safe here. We have to arrange round the clock vigilance teams to protect them," said Ayub Ali, a local.

The alleged leader of the tree feller gang could not be contacted as his mobile remained off.

This correspondent also tried to contact Dinajpur Zila Parishad Administrator Azizul Imam Chowdhury, also general secretary of Dinajpur Awami League, but his phone remained off too.

A case will be filed in connection with the felling of trees, said Hasibul Hasan, chairman of Auliapukur union parishad.



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Illegal tree fellers left this tree with partially cut stump beside Dinajpur-Parbatipur road at Matherganj village in Chirirbandar upazila under Dinajpur district yesterday morning as locals strongly protested the bid.

20 rescued while being trafficked to Nepal

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinajpur

Detectives in separate drives have arrested an alleged human trafficker and rescued 20 youths, aged about 17 to 25, in Joypurhat district town.

The victims hail from Gaibandha and Narsinghdi districts, said DB police.

The arrestee is Md Lavlu Mia of Chakdadra village in Sadar upazila, said Mahfuzur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Joypurhat DB police.

Acting on a tip-off, the

law enforcers raided Sourav Residential Hotel on Thana Road in the town around 11:30pm on Friday and arrested Lavlu.

They also rescued nine youths from the spot while they were being trafficked to Nepal, said the OC.

The victims said they were brought to the hotel with a promise of giving lucrative jobs in Nepal.

In another drive, the DB men rescued 11 other youths from Prithvi Complex, another residential hotel, in the area around 11:30am

yesterday. However, the human traffickers managed to flee the scene, sensing the presence of the law enforcers.

One of the victims, Alam Amin, son of Hiran Mollah of Anampur village in Narsinghdi Sadar upazila, said he paid Tk 40,000 for going to Nepal as Lavlu promised to give them a good job there.

A case was filed, accusing Lavlu Mia in this connection, said OC Mahfuzur.



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Twenty youths, rescued by police from human traffickers at two hotels in Joypurhat town on Friday and yesterday, are seen at Joypurhat Police Station. Inset, arrested Lavlu, a member of the trafficking gang.

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Female medical student killed by 'in-laws'

UNB, Comilla

A female student of Comilla Eastern Medical College was found dead at her in-laws' house at Shashidal village in Brahmanpara upazila on Friday night.

The deceased, Umme Aymun Swarna, 20, daughter of Dr MA Khaleque, was a 3rd-year student at the college.

Victim's elder brother Khorshed Alam said Swarna married Emon, 26, son of Nannu Mia of the village, without the consent of their parents about a year ago, and had been staying at her in-laws' house since then.

Informed by Swarna's neighbours that she had been tortured and killed by her in-laws, they rushed to the house and spotted Swarna's unconscious body lying on her bed around 10:00pm, added Khorshed.

Farhad Hossain, sub-inspector of Brahmanpara Police Station, said Swarna's body bore injury marks on the neck and was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police suspect that Swarna's in-laws' might have strangled her to death over a family feud and went into hiding soon after committing the murder.