

# Assault on teacher triggers protest in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Students of Birakoir High School in Sherpur upazila of the district staged a demonstration yesterday, demanding arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits who assaulted their teacher on Monday.

They came out of their classes at around 10:00am and blocked the road in front of the school to press the demand.

The students withdrew the blockade and returned to their respective classes after law enforcers assured them that action would be taken against the people

involved. The victim is Subrato Chandra, 55, an English teacher of the school, and a newly elected teachers' representative in the school's managing committee.

Police and school sources said an election to the managing committee was held on February 22. Six guardians and two teachers' representatives were elected as members.

Members and teachers' representatives elected the president of the managing committee on February 29 in the presence of the upazila education officer. Ziaul Haque, one of the

president candidates, secured six votes while his rival, former UP member, Fazlul Haque got only two votes.

Fazlul's men attacked Subrato Chandra on Monday at around 5:00pm, alleging that he did not vote for Fazlul, sources added.

The students came to know of the incident when the school opened yesterday. They brought out a procession boycotting their classes and held a rally on the road in front of the school, demanding arrest and exemplary punishment

of the attackers. Iftekhar Uddin Ahmed, headmaster of the school, said the defeated aspirant's men attacked the teacher.

Refuting the allegation, Fazlul Haque said his opponents made a false accusation against him and instigated the students to create chaos at the school.

Contacted, Mizanur Rahman, Inspector (Inquiry) of Sherpur Police Station Police, said they will take action against the attackers after getting a written complaint from the victim.



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Birakoir High School in Sherpur upazila under Bogra district stage demonstration yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the culprits who assaulted a teacher of the school on Monday.

## Saying no to begging

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the second of three brothers and sisters and his poor family could never provide him with necessary treatment.

While still young, his father Mustafa abandoned the family and disappeared, leaving his mother Shahana Begum with the responsibility of the entire family.

Shahana worked in a factory and tried hard to ensure basic education for her children. She also got her eldest daughter married but died soon afterwards.

This left Parvez, his now divorced sister who had to return home and octogenarian grandmother totally destitute. His able-bodied brothers who could earn had already moved away.

Things were so bad that to survive, Parvez resorted to crawling across the local

streets begging for alms.

"I hated begging, but there was no food on the table and we needed to live," Parvez says quietly.

The upazila social welfare office noticed his plight and provided him with a tricycle to move around. This changed his life and Parvez vowed to never beg again.

"I had to think up of what work I could do now that I had more mobility," he says.

His mother had left behind a meagre savings of taka 2,000 with which he bought some supplies for grocery stores from the local wholesale market and then he started approaching local corner shops to buy the items from him.

Today, his regular clients don't always even have to speak to him for supplies. All they do is just give him a

missed call on his mobile phone and he carries all the goods to them.

Parvez supplies consumer goods like bread, potato chips, chocolates, chanchur, puffed rice, sweetened fried rice balls and so on.

His reliability has gained him a good reputation amongst local shop owners. Wholesalers now give him goods on credit which Parvez repays after collecting money from the retailers.

Mohammad Azam, a wholesaler in Murihati market, said Parvez never misses either supplies or payments. He is very reliable. People who never thought a person as disabled as him could do anything for a livelihood were quite surprised by the young man's diligence and hard

work, Azam said.

Today, Parvez earns around Tk 200-250 a day and is able to pay his rent and also take care of his sister and grandmother.

He is so devoted to his work and family that he doesn't think of getting married any time soon.

Local councillor Akhtar Hossain Feku is all praise for the young man.

"Young Parvez though disabled has strong will power and innovative skills. He has proved that physical disability is not a burden."

Nusrat Fatima, Saidpur upazila social welfare officer, said, "We provided him with a tricycle so that he could move around. The use he made of it to get his life on track is amazing and a source of inspiration to us all."

## Rebel candidates

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Today is the last date of withdrawal of candidature.

However, the picture is different in Bagerhat. There is not a single AL rebel candidate in the 74 UPs of the district. In 19 UPs, no candidates except for the ruling party backed ones are running the polls. In seven UPs, candidatures of chairman aspirants of other political parties were cancelled after scrutiny.

Elections to 738 union parishads, the biggest grassroots-level polls, will be held on March 22 on partisan lines for the first time in the country's history.

AL's archrival BNP, however, is not facing such problems. The party has a very few rebels running in the polls.

Take Satkhira for an example. Of the 78 unions in the district, AL rebels are vying for the chairman post in 70 unions, while the BNP has only a few dissidents.

According to media reports, there are around 400 AL rebels in 738 unions, while the BNP has around 100 dissidents in 624 unions.

BNP insiders said their candidates could not file nominations in 71 unions, while nominations of the party-backed 34 candidates were cancelled during scrutiny. The party has been

alleging that many of its candidates were barred from submitting nominations, and that their papers had been torn up in several unions.

AL rebels are reportedly still in the polls race in 50 UPs out of 89 in Dhaka division, while the party rebels are running in six UPs out of eight in Sylhet division.

In Barisal division, AL dissidents are running in 162 UPs out of 273, while the party rebels are vying for the chairman post in 102 UPs out of 252 in Khulna division.

In Rajshahi division, elections will be held in 31 UPs and the AL still has rebels in 14 of them.

In Rangpur division, dissidents are contesting in 12 UPs out of 14. In Chittagong division, the AL has rebels in 38 UPs out of 71 that would go to polls.

The AL already warned its grassroots leaders and activists of tough actions, including expulsion, against party dissidents.

However, party leaders hoped that none would go against the party decision and that the rebel candidates would withdraw nominations today.

AL Joint General Secretary Mahbul Alam Hanif hoped that all rebels would withdraw their nominations.

According to party sources, members of the party parliamentary board had a series of meetings with leaders over the last couple of days and tried to convince party dissidents to withdraw from the polls race.

A board member yesterday told this correspondent that they talked to district leaderships and respective divisional organising secretaries over the last few days and asked them to convince party rebels.

"In some cases, we were successful, but in other cases we failed to convince party rebels. Those who didn't pay heed would be expelled from the party," he said, wishing anonymity.

Sources in the party said opinions of the grassroots were ignored while nominating candidates, resulting in the rise of rebels.

Regarding the BNP rebels, Emran Saleh Prince, a member of the party's election coordination committee, told The Daily Star that they were not worried about the number of dissidents.

He too hoped that the rebels would eventually quit and work for the party nominees.

"The upazila and district units are convincing the dissidents to withdraw from the polls race," he added.

## 15kg sulphur seized in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 15 kilograms of sulphur weighing 15 kilograms in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat district on Monday night.

BGB officials said a BGB team raided a passenger bus on suspicion in Atapara area in the upazila at around 9:30pm. During the search, they found the sulphur under a rear seat of the bus. A criminal might have brought it into Bangladesh from India.

## 10 shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Fire gutted at least 10 shops at a market in Boda upazila of Panchagarh district yesterday.

Fire service sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit from the grocery shop of one Selim Mia at Gorerdanga Bazar in the upazila around 11:00am and soon engulfed nine other adjacent shops.

On information, a fire fighting unit from Panchagarh fire station rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after two hours of frantic efforts.

## Early marriage bid foiled in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A schoolgirl was saved from child marriage at Boldiata village in Dhanbari upazila of the district on Monday.

The victim is seventh grader Sharmin Akhter, 13, daughter of Tara Miah of the village.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Shamim Ara Rimi said Sharmin's parents arranged the girl's marriage without her consent.

"Sensing her marriage arrangement, Sharmin came to my office and informed me about the matter. I along with police rushed to the spot and stopped the marriage," said the UNO.

However, the girl's father and bridegroom managed to flee the scene, sensing the presence of the UNO.

Later, the UNO took undertaken from the girl's mother not to marry her off before she reaches 18.

## PROTESTING ATTACK ON FELLOW BY OUTSIDERS Interns at MMCH start indefinite strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Interns at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) went on an indefinite strike yesterday, protesting assault on one of their fellows.

They also locked the gate of the emergency department of the hospital for two hours, sources said.

Following intervention by MMCH authority and leaders of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Mymensingh unit, the interns later unlocked the gate, said hospital sources.

Dr Abu Bakar Siddique, president of Intern Doctors' Association at MMCH, said a group of around 15 outsiders entered Ward No-13 of the hospital 15 days ago.

As the on-duty doctors asked them why they entered the ward without any reason, the group locked in an altercation with them and left the scene after threatening them, alleged Dr Siddique.

The same group again entered the room yesterday and engaged in an altercation with Dr Mazhar over taking of tissue paper from the ward without permission. At one stage, they allegedly assaulted Dr Mazhar, said Dr Siddique, quoting Dr Mazhar.

Hearing a hue and cry, doctors from adjacent wards rushed to the spot but the attackers fled the scene.

Protesting the incident, the interns locked the gate

of the emergency department for two-hours and stopped treatment of patients, Dr Siddique said. They also brought out a procession on the hospital premises, demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the attackers.

"We will go for tougher agitation if the attackers are not arrested within 12 hours," the interns threatened.

Contacted, Dr Motiur Rahman Bhuiyan, secretary of BMA Mymensingh unit, said they will sit with the hospital authorities and the administration to resolve the matter.

A case was lodged with Kotwali Police Station. No one was arrested as of filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday.



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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible Suppliers for the following goods as per terms & conditions stated below.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Labor and Employment			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director (NARI), BEPZA.			
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
5	Invitation for	Rent of Transportation for different operational and Administration function of NARI Project (Economic Sub-Code 4846 )			
6	Invitation Ref. No and date	Ref: No. 40.317.011.00.00.48.2015- <span style="float: right;">Date: 25.02.2015</span>			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
8	Budget and Source of Funds	Development, Credit			
9	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
10	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	5230			
11	Project/Program Name	N/A			
12	Tender Package No.	(Economic Sub-Code 4846)			
13	Tender Package Name	Rent of Transportation for different operational and Administration function of NARI Project (Economic Sub-Code 4846 )			
14	Tender Publication Date	on or before 02 March, 2016			
15	Tender Last Selling Date	15 March 2016 During office hour			
16	Tender Last Submission Date and Time	16 March 2016 up to 02.00 PM.			
17	Tender Opening Date and Time	16 March 2016 at 02.30 PM.			
18	Name & Address of the Office (s)				
	Selling of Tender Document (Principal)	Accounts Section, BEPZA Complex, House 19/D, Road No # 6, Dhanmondi Dhaka 1205.			
	Receiving of Tender Document	PD, (NARI), BEPZA Complex, House 19/D, Road No # 6, Dhanmondi Dhaka 1205.			
	Opening of Tender Document	PD, (NARI), BEPZA Complex, House 19/D, Road No # 6, Dhanmondi Dhaka 1205.			
19	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	09 March, 2016, 2.30 PM, Conference Room, BEPZA Complex, House 19/D, Road No # 6, Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1205.			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
20	Eligibility of Tenderer	The invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers who satisfy the following: a. The Tenderer shall have successfully completed minimum one number supply contract for a value of at least BDT 25.00 lakhs of similar goods and related services within last 5 (five) years. i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. b. Debarred bidders from any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous organization will be treated as ineligible to participate in the Tender. c. Up-to-date trade license, Income Tax clearance certificate up to the financial year 2014-15, VAT registration certificate.			
21	Brief Description of related Services	Rent of Transportation for different operational and Administration function of NARI Project (Economic Sub-Code 4846 )			
22	Tender document price	Tk. 1000.00 (Taka One Thousand )			
23	SN	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security Amount (BDT)	Completion time
		Rent of Transportation for different operational and Administration function of NARI Project (Economic Sub-Code 4846 )	BEPZA Executive office, Dhanmondi, Dhaka, Dhaka EPZ, Ishwardi & Karnaphuli EPZ.	10,00,000.00 (Ten Lakh) (In favour of BEPZA)	30 days from the date of contract signing
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
24	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Hafizur Rahman			
25	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager (MIS) & Project Director NARI, BEPZA			
26	Address of Official Inviting Tender	BEPZA Complex, House: 19/D, Road: 6 Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1205, Bangladesh.			
27	Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone: +88 02 9668447, Fax: +88 02 9673020 E-mail address: hafiz714@hotmail.com			
28	Special Instruction:				
	(a)	Eligible firms/authorized representative may purchase tender documents from the offices mentioned on submitting written request in their letter head pad.			
	(b)	Any false, forged and misleading documents furnished by Tenderer shall result in rejection of the tender.			
	(c)	In case of any confusion arises due to printing mistake or other reason, the Public Procurement Rules-2008 will govern & Authority decision will be finalized.			
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender Proceedings.				



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