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A group of youths proceed to attack the human chain joined by a section of teachers and officials of Islamic University in Kushtia yesterday. Inset, badly injured Mir Morshedur Rahman, assistant registrar of the university, being taken to hospital after the attack.



Attack on human chain of IU VC group, 15 injured

STAR REPORT
At least 15 teachers and officers of Islamic University (IU) in Kushtia were injured in an attack by opponents during a human chain on the campus yesterday.

Each of the university's pro-Awami League (AL) teachers and officers' organisation Bangabandhu Parishad and teachers' organisation Shapla Forum are divided into two groups, campus sources said.

They have been demonstrating since April 1, one faction demanding removal of IU Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Dr Abdul Hakim Sarker and the other demanding the same for Pro-VC Prof Dr

Shahinoor Rahman, alleging corruption and irregularities against the two key persons of the university, they said.

The faction belonging to the VC announced a human chain programme at the campus yesterday demanding removal of the pro-VC, apparently as a counter of the other faction's similar programme demanding the VC's removal on Tuesday.

Around 11:00am yesterday, over two hundred teachers and officers, demonstrating under the banners of Bangabandhu Parishad and Shapla Forum in front of the IU's administrative building, came under attack by intruders carrying

firearms, sharp weapons and bamboo sticks, witnesses said.

The attackers mercilessly beat up and hurled bricks on the demonstrating teachers and officers, leaving 15 injured.

The injured include Assistant Registrar Mir Morshedur Rahman, also organizing secretary of the Bangabandhu Parishad faction loyal to the VC, Deputy Registrar Harunur Rashid, Monirul Islam and Rezul Karim.

They were rushed to university medical centre. From there, badly injured Mir Morshedur Rahman was shifted to Kushtia General Hospital.

Several leaders of the

university's Chhatra League units were allegedly among the attackers.

President of Shapla Forum faction Prof Dr Mahubul Arfin alleged that the pro-VC had arranged the attack on the human chain, bringing a large number of outsiders to the campus.

Denying the allegation, Pro-VC Shahinoor Rahman said, "A vested interest group has been conspiring against me and illegally demanding my removal."

Terming the attack 'unexpected and unfortunate', IU Vice Chancellor Abdul Hakim Sarker urged the government to conduct a proper inquiry into the incident.



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Nilphamari 100-bed hospital gets crowded with patients as diarrhoea and other diseases see rise in the district amid the ongoing heat wave.

Heat-related diseases on rise in Nilphamari

TEAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari
Diarrhoea and other heat related diseases see rise amid the heat wave sweeping across the district and surrounding areas.

"In unusual hot weather, increased viral attack causes various diseases like diarrhoea, high fever, intestine diseases, and respiratory problems like asthma and bronchitis, especially to children and elderly people," said Dr Enamul Huque, child specialist in 100-bed Nilphamari district hospital.

"People sweat a lot this time, resulting in shortage of glucose and minerals in the body and consequent weakness," he added.

The control room of dis-

trict civil surgeon's office said 325 diarrhoea patients were admitted to different upazila health complexes and the district hospital in last seven days and 500-600 others took treatment in outdoors.

"Low income people are especially vulnerable to heat related diseases as they often drink contaminated cold water and uncovered food at roadside shops after hard work in unbearable heat for long. School going children are also at risk," said Dr Hasinur Rahman, resident medical officer of the Nilphamari hospital.

"Too much heat at daytime and cold at night caused by climatic change also adds to the problem, said Dr Hasinur, also a pub-

lic health expert.

"I have been staying at the hospital for last four days as my one-year-old son Sakibul is attacked with high fever and respiratory problem. He is improving as doctors are regularly visiting him and giving medicine," Morsheda Begum, 25, of Dhonipara village said during this correspondent's visit to children's ward of the hospital yesterday.

Sumona Akhtar, 24, of Panchapukur village said she took her two-year-old son Nafid to the hospital two days ago as he was suffering from diarrhoea.

Both the mothers said they have to sleep in turn as two or three children along with their mothers are given a bed.

In diarrhoea ward, rickshaw puller Mohabbat Hossain, 45, was groaning on the bed due to dehydration caused by loose motion and vomiting.

A nurse injected him with powerful intravenous saline.

Sitting beside, his wife Olima Begum, 35, said her husband was attacked with diarrhoea as he drank a lot of contaminated cold water from a footpath hotel in empty stomach after pulling rickshaw in severe heat.

Nilphamari Civil Surgeon Abdur Rashid said, "There is adequate medicine and saline in hospital storeroom to tackle the situation. People should remain cautious and follow health rules as prevention is better than cure."

JAMALPUR, THAKURGAON Pre-polls violence leaves 40 hurt, 10 arrested

STAR COUNTRY DESK

At least 40 people were injured in pre-Union Parishad (UP) poll violence in Jamalpur and Thakurgaon districts yesterday and the day before.

More than 30 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of Awami League nominated chairman aspirant and an independent chairman aspirant in Dhanua-Kamalpur union under Bakshiganj upazila of Manikganj on Tuesday night.

The election in the union is scheduled to be held on May 7, reports our correspondent.

Police and locals said supporters of independent chairman candidate Mostafa Kamal went to Tengramari village for election campaign around 10:30pm.

The supporters of AL candidate Jubair Hassan Hitlar, who allegedly tried to resist the supporters of Mostafa, claimed that the supporters of the independent candidate were involved in purchasing votes.

At one stage, the supporters of the AL candidate vandalised four houses and a shop of supporters of the independent candidate. They also vandalized the election office of Mostafa set up at the village.

The supporters of the AL candidate again attacked a house belonging to Mahabubul Haque Babul Chistee, brother-in-law of the independent candidate, at Mridhapara intersection in the union around

11:00pm, triggering a fierce clash.

At least 30 people from both sides were injured during the incident, said police.

AL candidate's supporters also vandalized five motorbikes of the supporters of the independent candidate at Dhanua-Kamalpur Bazar and an election camp there, said Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge of Bakshiganj Police Station.

On information, police rushed to the spot, fired at least 73 blank shots and brought the situation under control. They also arrested 10 people in connection with the incident, said the OC.

The arrestees are Sultan Ahmed, 50, Gulbadsha, 30,

Masud Hassan, 50, Delwar Hossain, 45, Billal Hossain, 40, Nur-e-Alam, 50, Munaem Sarkar, 45, Alam Miah, 40, Imam Hossain, 42, and Suja Miah, 50, supporters of AL chairman candidate and activists of the ruling party.

Four cases were filed with the police station against 250 named and 750 unnamed supporters of the AL nominated candidate and the party's activists.

Away in Thakurgaon, at least 10 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of two chairman candidates at Dotpara village in Sadar upazila of the district early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The injured are Jamal Hossain, 28, Hazrat Ali, 26,

Sufi, 32, Alam, 30, Khademul, 28, Sohel, 26, Abu Kalam, 32, Somel, 35, Arif Hossain, 25, and Ashir Uddin, 30.

A group of supporters of individual chairman aspirant Amir Hossain led by his son Kibria went to the village to distribute money among the voters, alleged locals.

Amir Hossain's supporters attacked another candidate Nurul Islam's supporter as they tried to resist them. At least 10 supports of Nurul sustained injuries during the incident.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control, said Md Shahria, officer-in-charge of Ruhea Police Station.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the General Manager (Project) & Project Director
Dohazari-Ramu-Cox's Bazar and Ramu-Gundum Railway Project
Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong, Bangladesh
Request for Expression of Interest (Firm)

1	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Railways.
2	Agency	: Bangladesh Railway.
3	Procuring entity name	: General Manager (Project) & Project Director.
4	Procuring entity code	: 5131
5	Procuring entity district	: Chittagong
6	Expression of interest (EOI) for selection of	: Construction Supervision Consultancy Services-1 for Dohazari-Ramu-Cox's Bazar Section.
7	EOI reference No.	: PD/DH-Z-COX/CSC/2016
8	Date	: 03/05/2016
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement sub-method	: QCBS (International).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	: Project Aid.
11	Development partner (if applicable)	: Asian Development Bank (ADB).
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	: 5200
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	: Construction of Single Line Dual Gauge Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu and Ramu to Gundum near Myanmar. (Under ADB's South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Chittagong-Cox's Bazar Railway Project Phase-1).
14	EOI closing date and time	: 02.06.2016 at 12.00 hours.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15	Brief description of the assignment	: 1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the form of a loan toward the cost of construction of 102 kilometers Single Line Dual Gauge Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu. Bangladesh Railway, the executing agency, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under Construction Supervision Consultancy Services contract for which this Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited. 2. Bangladesh Railway now invites Expression of Interests (EOIs) for recruitment of Construction Supervision Consultancy Services from eligible consulting firms to provide the services which shall cover the following categories: Part 1: Overall Contract Management, Administration and Planning. Part 2: Technical Support. Part 3: Construction Supervision, Testing and Inspection. Part 4: Environment Aspects. Part 5: Gender and other social aspects. Part 6: Resettlement Aspects. Part 7: Defect Liability Period.
16.	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	: a) The consulting firm(s) should be internationally reputed and may have joint venture/association with other international firms and/or local consulting firms of Bangladesh. No lead firm should form association or joint venture with more than one group. b) The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the consultant and ADB's standard EOI template for submitting EOIs is available at ADB website (http://cms.adb.org) or www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/operation-procurement/consulting/documents . c) EOIs submitted in other than the ADB's standard EOI template will be considered as non-responsive and will not be evaluated. In addition to eligibility requirements, the short listing shall be carried out by the following criteria corresponding to the three major criteria in the ADB's standard EOI template: a) Management Competence b) Technical Competence c) Geographical Competence Short-listed consulting firms/organizations will be invited to submit their technical and financial proposals subsequently. The consultants shall be selected and engaged in accordance with the "Guidelines on the use of consultants by ADB and its Borrowers (March 2015), as amended from time to time".
17	Other details	: a) Applicants are requested to send their Expression of Interest (EOI) by 02 June, 2016 through CMS (ADB website http://cms.adb.org) copied to the following e-mail address: pdcox@railway.gov.bd b) Expression of Interest (EOI) shall also be submitted in one original and two copies in a sealed envelope to the address given below by 02 June, 2016 within 1200 hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) and be clearly marked with "Expression of Interest (EOI) for recruitment of Construction Supervision Consultancy Services for construction of Single Line Dual Gauge Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu." c) Any application submitted later than the specified date and time or submitted through telex/fax/email will not be entertained. d) Under no circumstances either Bangladesh Railway or ADB will be responsible for any cost incurred for submitting the EOI.
18	Association with foreign firm(s)	: The consulting firm(s) should be internationally reputed and may have joint venture/association with other international firms and/or local consulting firms of Bangladesh. No lead firm should form association or joint venture with more than one group.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
19	Name of the official inviting EOI	: Md. Mozammel Hoque
20	Designation of the official inviting EOI	: General Manager (Project) & Project Director, Dohazari-Ramu-Cox's Bazar and Ramu-Gundum Railway Project.
21	Address of the official inviting EOI	: Office of the Project Director, Dohazari-Ramu-Cox's Bazar and Ramu-Gundum Railway Project, Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong.
22	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	: General Manager (Project) & Project Director, Dohazari-Ramu-Cox's Bazar and Ramu-Gundum Railway Project, Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong. Phone: 01711564575 Email: pdcox@railway.gov.bd
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any EOI or reject all EOIs.	

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One to die for making fake notes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court in Nilphamari yesterday sentenced a man to death for making fake currency notes.

The death penalty awardee is MA Badsha Dhali, 49, son of late Wahedunnabi of Dhalagachh Munshipara village under Saidpur upazila of the district.

Acting on secret information, law enforcers from Saidpur Police Station raided the rented house of Dhali on July 27, 2014 and arrested him with six fake currency notes of Tk 500. They also seized note making equipment from his possession.

Later, Sub-Inspector MR Sayed pressed charges against Dhali. Judge Md Mahubul Alam pronounced the verdict after examining the witnesses and the evidence.

Woman sent to jail for 'blasphemy'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A court here yesterday sent a young woman to jail for her alleged derogatory comment on Allah and demeaning the holy Quran in Kumarkhali upazila of the district.

The accused is Tanushka Ima, 20, daughter of Rased Rana of Elongi area of the upazila, and wife of Tanveer Ahmed staying in USA.

Police said Tanushka posted a status on her Facebook ID, demeaning the holy book several days ago, which angered local people.

On information, the law enforcers picked up the woman from her home, said Ziaur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Kumarkhali Police Station.

She was later produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court that sent her to jail, said the OC.