

WAR CRIMES TRIAL
Action against
two journos
demand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A procession was brought out in the town yesterday, demanding lawful steps against two local journalists who were allegedly involved in giving pressure to a witness not to testify in the International Crimes Tribunal against accused in a case pending with the court.

'Amra Muktiyuddher Uttarahdikar' a local unity, organised the programme. People from all walks of life including freedom fighters, local leaders and activists of Awami League took part in the procession that started from AL office and ended in front of deputy commissioner's office where a street corner meeting was also arranged.

Patuakhali AL joint secretary Kazi Alamgir Hossain and advocate Sowmendra Lal Chanda spoke at the programme. They later submitted memorandum to the prime minister through the DC.

Jafor Khan, Patuakhali correspondent of Daily Jugantor, and Zakir Hossain, Patuakhali correspondent of Daily Inqilab and New Age, went to Itbaria village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila on October 19 and met Monowara Begum, a Birangona and the witness, said police.

They told her not to testify against the accused. She did not agree to do so. Later, Monowara filed a general diary with Sadar Police Station.

Meanwhile, police on Monday arrested the journalists in an extortion case filed by a local fish trader. They were released on bail the following day.



A house in Sherpur district destroyed by wild elephants that came from Meghalaya in India and have been creating havoc in Jhenaigati and Sreebordi upazilas.

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RICE FOR THE POOR
UP member assaulted
for dropping names

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

At least ten solvent villagers under Raimanpur union have been sued for allegedly assaulting a union parishad (UP) member in Sadar upazila of the district.

Ramjan Ali, 45, a member of Ward No-1 under Raimanpur UP, filed the case against 8/10 people with Sadar Police Station on Wednesday night.

The accused include Enamul Islam, 35, his younger brother Anwarul Islam, 28, Al-Amin, 30, and his brother Abdur Rauf, 24, of the area.

Ramjan said as per instruction of the upazila administration he dropped 32 illegal recipients' names, who were not eligible to get cheap rate rice meant for the ultra-poor people, from the special card holders list and replaced 32 poor people in stead.

Angered by the decision, a group of 8/10 people, including Enamul and the three others, beat him up at the UP Complex premises around 3:30pm, added Ramjan.

Officer-in-Charge Moshir Rahman of Sadar Police Station said after investigation they would take legal steps against the accused.

Earlier, at least 2,194 solvent people in 21 unions, including 275 in Raimanpur UP union, were made to return their special cards, meant for providing cheap rate rice for the low-income group people.

Under the programme special card holders would get 30 kg of rice a month at Tk 10 per kg during September-November and March-April.

Elephants reign in Sherpur hill areas

At least nine people were killed in two months

DEBASHISH ROY, Sherpur

At least nine people were killed in attacks by wild elephants in two bordering upazilas of the district in less than two months.

The people of Jhenaigati and Sreebordi upazilas said they urged the government to provide them security as they are insecure. They said they are ready to go elsewhere if the government wanted them to move.

Officials of the district administration, Department of Forest and Department of Agricultural Extension said 11 people were killed and 20 others injured by the wild elephants in the upazilas from February to October 17. The elephants destroyed at least 20 dwelling houses and crops on more than 100 acres of land during the period,

the officials added.

A herd of 20 to 25 wild elephants from the Indian state of Meghalaya came to Nalitabari upazila on October 18 in 2001 and has been staying in the hilly villages at Bongaon, Daodhara, Katabari and Hatipagar, the officials said. Since then, the elephants from India have been coming to the bordering villages, killing people and destroying houses, trees and crops, they added.

Residents of Bakakura, Panbar, Gurucharan Dudhnoi, Tawakucha villages in Jhenaigati said herds of elephant come to the villages from the hills in search of food. They have to remain awake at night to guard the villages, they added.

A herd of wild elephants destroyed the houses of Joban Ali, Hasen Ali, Banechha

Begum and Shah Jamal at Pashchim Bakakura village under Jhenaigati on October 7.

Banechha and other affected people appealed to the government to take necessary steps to save them from attacks of wild elephants.

Marginal farmers Hamed Ali and Aynal Haque of Pashchim Bakakura said a herd of elephants has eaten up their aman crops on two acres of land.

Former Kangsha Union Parishad chairman Md Anar Ullah said attacks by the wild elephants have now turned like a natural disaster. He said locals do not want financial support but the government steps to save them from the elephants' attacks.

Jhenaigati Upazila Chairman Aminul

Islam Badsha said projects taken by the forest department should be implemented quickly to save lives and properties. Otherwise about 3,000 families would have to be shifted to a safer place, he cautioned.

Sherpur Deputy Commissioner AM Parvez Rahim said he has sent a proposal to the ministry of relief and disaster management seeking sufficient financial support for the affected families and farmers.

Forest conservation expert Modinul Ehsan said the risky areas in the hills need to be marked and people living there should be rehabilitated in safer areas. Sanctuaries for the elephants should also be made in those areas, said Ehsan, also Khulna divisional wildlife management and nature preservation official.

Rats attack
aman crop
in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

The menace of rats in aman fields is worrying farmers in the district as the rodents cut down green and ripe paddy spikes and store them in ditches, which adversely affects paddy output.

Farmers have not been able to control the menace despite using pesticides and traps. Rats do not touch food items covered with pesticide, and even cleverly avoid the traps that farmers place at the mouths of the ditches, said farmers of Santiram village in Sundarganj upazila.

Rats cut down paddy spikes at night and store them in the ditches, causing a drop in production, said Afsar Ali, a farmer of Haldia in Shaghata upazila.

Just after evening, villagers make a lot of noise with brass plates or bells along the perimeter of paddy fields to drive out the rats, said Monjel Ali, another farmer.

A week-long rat control campaign is going on in seven upazilas of the district to teach farmers on proper use of pesticides and irrigation to save the crops from rat attack, said AKM Ruhul Amin, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension, Gaibandha.

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Cold-related diseases on rise

OUR CORESPONDENT, Dinajpur

With the fluctuation of temperature between day and night due to seasonal change, the number of patients of winter-related diseases has seen a rise in Dinajpur, Joypurhat and Naogaon, with children and older people being the most affected.

Meteorology Officer in Dinajpur Weather Station Tofazzur Rahman said the temperature is decreasing by roughly 0.5 degrees Celsius every day. The minimum temperature was 21 degrees C and the maximum 32 degrees C on Tuesday.

Doctors said the flow of patients suffering from typhoid, diarrhoea, pneumonia

and stomach flu has seen a sharp rise at hospitals and health complexes in the three districts during the last one week.

Dr Moniruzzaman Manik of Akkelpur Upazila Health Complex said his hospital treated nearly 300 children suffering from cold-related diseases in the last one week, and 30 children have been admitted to the hospital with diarrhoea and pneumonia.

A doctor of Joypurhat Modern Hospital said they treated a large number of patients with similar complaints. The situation is the same in other upazilas, and most patients are coming from rural areas, he added.

During a visit to the outdoor depart-

ments of Dinajpur Medical College Hospital, Dinajpur General Hospital, Orobindu Shishu Hospital and other clinics, this correspondent saw that it was a struggle for the patients to reach the doctors due to the heavy rush.

Around 40 children found hospitalised in these hospitals.

However, there was no casualty, said Dr Wares, a paediatrician of Dinajpur Medical College Hospital. "Parents have to be more careful during the month of October when the weather starts changing to cold from warm," he said, adding that if such weather remained for long, children would suffer badly.

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Man to die for killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his wife in 2012.

The convict is Hasan Ali, 35, son of Anwar Hossain of Pakuria village in Singra upazila.

Public Prosecutor Sirazul Islam said Hasan strangled his wife Asma Begum following a family feud in 2012.

Later, a case was filed with Singra Police Station in this connection.

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7 jailed for catching hilsa

UNB, Munshiganj

A mobile court in Munshiganj on Wednesday sentenced seven fishermen to one month's imprisonment each for catching hilsa defying the ban.

A team led by Executive Magistrate Khalekuzzaman conducted a drive in the Padma river in Louhajong upazila of the district in the morning and arrested the fishermen.

The team also seized 10,000 metre current nets and 15 kg hilsa fish from the possession of the arrestees.

Later, the arrestees were produced before the mobile court, led by the magistrate, which found them guilty and sentenced each of them to one month in jail.