

INTRA-PARTY CLASH

Mymensingh AL activist killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An Awami League activist was killed and 10 others were injured yesterday during an intra-party clash in Balipara Railway Station area under Trishal upazila of the district over establishing supremacy in the locality.

The dead Saiful Mollah, 40, son of Nasiruddin Mollah of Balipara, was supporter of Balipara Union AL President Golam Mohamamd Badal, also chairman of Balipara Union Parishad.

The two groups -- one led by Badal and the other by union Jubo League Convener Md Abdul Bari -- had long standing dispute over supremacy in the locality.

Local people said the clash began at one stage of altercation between the two groups in the railway station area over assault of local AL activist Saiful. Both the groups used sharp weapons, leaving 11 people, including Saiful, injured.

Trishal Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Moniruzzaman said critically injured Saiful succumbed to his injuries on way to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

He said, on information, police rushed to the spot and fired several rounds of blank shots to disperse the clashing groups.

Additional police have been deployed in the area to avoid further clash, the OC said, adding that the situation is now under control.

Trishal Upazila AL Convener Reza Ali said he was informed about the incident but could not say anything about the victim.



Like several others of the kind, the building of Sarompur Government Primary School in Rajnagar upazila under Moulvibazar district remains in an awfully dilapidated condition, posing risk for students and teachers.

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Ansar man stabbed in Benapole port

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Criminals stabbed an Ansar member in the Benapole port on Wednesday night.

The victim, Feroz Hasan, 32, son of Mohammad Ibrahim, is a resident of Jhenidah Sadar upazila.

Samprasad Adhikari, commander of Navaron Ansar camp, said a gang suddenly swooped on Feroz with sharp weapons and stabbed him indiscriminately around 9:30pm.

Labourers took critically injured Feroz to Jessore Medical College Hospital from where he was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Elephants on rampage

Ripe aman paddy on 50 acres of land damaged in Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A herd of wild elephants coming from Garo-hills of Indian Meghalaya state badly damaged transplanted aman paddy on about 50 acres of lands at Jadurchar village in Dhanua Kamalpur union under Bakshiganj upazila of the district in the last two days.

A herd of 80 to 90 wild elephants entered the village in search of food on Monday and Tuesday night and started eating the standing crop.

The elephants stayed on the paddy fields for almost the whole night and damaged the crops on around 50 acres of land belonging to over one hundred farmers, affected farmers said.

The villagers passed sleepless nights and

made frantic efforts to drive away the elephants by making loud sounds, lighting fires and beating drums, said Mostafa Kamal, chairman of the union parishad.

During the rampage at the village on Tuesday night, the wild elephants damaged the houses of Parvin Begum, Abdul Hakim and Abu Hanif, the chairman said, adding that at least 50 families were forced to leave their houses to escape from the sudden attack by the wild elephants.

Bakshiganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Abu Hassan Siddique said the villagers were warned to keep them safe from the elephants' attack.

Members of the Elephant Response Team were deployed to drive away the herd of wild elephants from the locality, the UNO added.



Vast paddy fields lie ravaged at Jadurchar village in Bakshiganj upazila of Jamalpur as a herd of wild elephants entering the area from Indian Meghalaya state ate and trampled the nearly ripe crop on Monday and Tuesday nights.

PHOTO: STAR

Cattle trader shot by BSF

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot and injured a Bangladeshi cattle trader in Dharmapur frontier at Kashipur union under Phulbari upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim is Khairul Islam, 32, a cattle trader and son of Shahidur Rahman of Anantapur village in Kashipur union under the upazila.

BSF men denied the firing incident at a flag meeting between BSF and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in no-man's land, said Subedar Abdul Majid, Kashipur Company Commander of BGB 45 Battalion in Kurigram.

Bicycles for 25 ex-enclaves students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Twenty-five students of two former enclaves Bhitorkuti and Bowalmari under Kulaghat union in Sadar upazila have received bicycles for easy communication to and from their school and colleges.

Lalmonirhat Sadar Upazila Parishad distributed the bicycles free of cost among the students at a programme in the upazila parishad premises yesterday.

The beneficiaries, 13 girls and 12 boys of different schools and colleges, who had to attend their institutions about 3 to 10 kilometres away from their homes, belong to poor families of the two enclaves.

RISKY BLDGS OF 27 MOULVIBAZAR PRY SCHOOLS Learning faces setback

MINTU DESHWARA with ANDREW EAGLE

Pursuing primary education in Moulvibazar's Rajnagar upazila is an increasingly risky venture. Classroom buildings in six primary schools within the upazila are seriously derelict, with fears they may collapse at any time, with potentially catastrophic results. Buildings a further 21 primary schools of the total of 139 primary schools in the upazila are also in various degrees of unsafe disrepair.

"Our school building is very old," says Sarompur Government Primary School headmistress Jahanara Begum. "Its present condition is even worse due to the low quality materials used in its construction." According to Jahanara, the current building has become totally irreparable, with no alternative than to construct a new building altogether.

Sarompur has been identified as the least safe of the six schools where dilapidated infrastructure poses the greatest risk. The others are Mohonlal Balik, Khemsohosro, Debipur, Rampur Balok and Unoasi Nowagaon primaries.

"The number of students attending our school has fallen significantly," says

Jahanara. "Many guardians do not feel comfortable sending their children here, fearing fatal consequences."

At most of the 27 schools ceilings, pillars and walls have worrying cracks, plaster is falling apart and water leaks through roofs. According to sources some of the buildings concerned were constructed prior to the nation's independence and neither school nor administrative authorities are known to have renovated any building since.

At Sarompur in addition to cracks large rust patches are observable on doors and windows, caused by a lack of maintenance work; when it rains water seeps through the cracks and broken windowpanes.

The upazila's primary education officer Hemendra Chandra Debnath notes that the safety issue at all the schools concerned has been raised with higher authorities. "The list of 27 risky schools and six extremely risky buildings was compiled by the upazila engineering department," he says.

Rajnagar upazila's public engineer Mohammed Rubayet Jaman says the list was sent to the education ministry requesting urgent repairs. "But we didn't get any budget for repair work at these 27 schools," he says.

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| 3 | Procuring entity name | Programme Director, Offline Digital Fertilizer Recommendation Programme. |
| 4 | Procuring entity code | N/A. |
| 5 | Procuring entity district | Dhaka. |
| 6 | Invitation for | Various Types of Printing & Binding of Books. |
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| 8 | Date | 14/11/2016 |
| 9 | Procurement method | Opening Tendering Method, NCT. |
| 10 | Budget & source of fund | GoB. |
| 11 | Project/programme name | Offline Digital Fertilizer Recommendation Programme. |
| 12 | Tender package No. | 01/2016-2017 |
| 13 | Tender publication date | 16/11/2016 |
| 14 | Tender last selling | 20-12-2016 at 17.00 hrs. |
| 15 | Tender closing date & time | 21-12-2016 at 12.00 hrs. |
| 16 | Tender opening date and time | 21-12-2016 at 14.00 hrs at Office of the Programme Director, SRDI, Dhaka. (Tenderers/their authorised representatives are allowed to attend). |
| 17 | Name & address of the offices Selling tender documents | Interested tenderers may collect the tender documents during the office hours from: Office of the Programme Director, Soil Resource Development Institute, Mrityika Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Dhaka-1215. (2) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. |
| 18 | Receiving tender documents | (1) Office of the Programme Director, Soil Resource Development Institute, Mrityika Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Dhaka-1215. (2) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. |
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'Ensure security of Santals'

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Protests against the recent attack, looting and torching of Santals' homes at Gabindaganj in Gaibandha were held in Jahangirnagar University (JU) and Khagrachhari yesterday.

Teachers and students of the university demanded ensure security of the ethnic minority people and return of their lands that were acquired to cultivate sugarcane for the mill, reports our JU correspondent.

The demand was made at a press conference at the guest room of the Teachers-Students Centre (TSC) where Prof Anu Muhammad condemned the government's massive drive to evict the indigenous community.

He also urged the government to settle the issue as soon as possible by giving the ownership of the lands of Santals.

Associate Prof Anisa Pervin Jolly, Moshir Rahman, general secretary of JU Chhatra Front, Sampad Marandy, a third year student of Archeology department, were present at the conference.

At least 15-20 people were injured during the November 6 eviction drive at Shahebganj Sugar Mills in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha that left two Santals dead.

Meanwhile, Santal people of Panchari upazila in Khagrachhari formed a human chain, protesting the barbarian attack on Santals' families in Gaibandha, reports our correspondent.

They organised the programme under the banner of Santal Unnyan Sangsad and Parbatya Santal Students' Forum.

The protesters demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the attackers of Santals.

They also urged the authorities concerned to form a judicial commission to probe into the incident.

Besides, they demanded rehabilitation of the families and appropriate compensation to the Santals as well.

Mintu Santal, president of Santal Unnyan Sangsad, and Manik Santal, general secretary of Parbatya Santal Students' Forum, spoke at the rally.