

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Six people, including a ruling party lawmaker, were sued yesterday on charge of trying to appoint principal illegally at Shibganj Women's Degree College. Mofiz Uddin, a member of the college governing body, filed the case with Senior Assistant Judge's Court against them, including local MP Golam Rabbani, also chairman of the college governing body, praying for temporary injunction on the appointment process scheduled to be finalised today.

The other accused are Mamun Ur Rashid, acting principal of the college, Abdus Salam, principal of Adina Fazlul Haque Govt College, Ansaruddin, director of IER of Rajshahi University and Masud Rana, Sonali Bank Shibganj branch manager.

Remote areas of Sajek need relief

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

People in the remote areas of Sajek union need relief as most of the adjacent areas facing food shortage have already received relief.

Short, medium and long-term plans are needed to mitigate the food crisis, said the union representatives.

UP member Dohindra Lal Tripura said most people in his ward got relief, which lasted for up to 15 days, adding that they need food assistance until the jhum crops ripen in four months.

"The north side of the large Sajek reserve forest has six mouzas, where there is no road communication. The main reason for food crisis in Sajek valley is that the people of this area used to freely go to Mizoram in India and bring rice from there, but they cannot do so now as the Indian government has fenced the international border," said headman Jopoi Tang Tripura.

Sajek Union Parishad Chairman Nelson Chakma said, "Some villages of ward No 6 and all villages of ward No 5 have not got any relief yet. We will try to reach food to them."

Various social and cultural organisations are distributing relief to the people, he said, adding that he urged them to coordinate with the Sajek union council.

NGO, private company cheat people

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Officials of a fake non-government organisation (NGO) and a private company have disappeared overnight with a large amount of money by cheating poor people in Lalmonirhat and Nilphamari.

An NGO amassed Tk 3.43 crore from 2,400 poor women at 300 villages in three upazilas of Lalmonirhat in the name of giving sewing machines, reports our correspondent.

The NGO called 'Nari Unnayan Prokalpo' opened its three branches in three upazilas on December 7 last year.

Thirty-five trainers, whose monthly salary was Tk 5 thousand each, were recruited at each branch to give the female members training on handicraft.

Morsheda Begum, 28, of Aditmari upazila, said she became a member by giving Tk 1430 to the NGO in January this year.

"The NGO officials promised me that they will give me sewing machine free of

cost after giving six-month training on handicraft," she said.

Trainer Nurjahan Begum in Kaliganj upazila said, they got their salaries for January and February but were unpaid for March to May. "We could not understand that the NGO was fake," she said.

Noor Mohammad said the coordinator of the NGO S Alam rented his house at Tk 5 thousand per month but the rent for April and May was unpaid.

The NGO officials went into hiding locking the office on Friday night, he said.

Despite repeated calls, this correspondent could not reach S Alam for his comment on the issue as he did not receive the phone.

Meanwhile, staff of 'Bony investment management company Bangladesh Ltd' in Kishoreganj of Nilphamari went into hiding after collecting over Tk 12,000 each from several hundred stakeholders.

The officials went into hiding a month ago locking the office, reports our correspondent.



A scene of erosion by the Dhanu river at Charpara village in Gazipur union in Khaliajury upazila under Netrakona.

PHOTO: STAR

Flood-hit Netrakona haor people face river erosion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Erosion in haor areas by the Dhanu river, along with heavy rainfall, has become a serious problem for hundreds of families in Khaliajury upazila of Netrakona.

Khaliajury and Mohanganj upazilas in Netrakona are the worst affected areas due to the recent flash flood, locals said.

They said erosion has hit Goalbari Natunpara, Tatia, Panchgachia, Hayatpur villages of Nagar union; Daudpur, Mukimpur, Gobindapur, Patra, Sultanpur, Baganbari of Chakua union; Jagannathpur, Islampur, Rasulpur, Banuari, of Mendipur union; Cachikhai, Kadirpur, Jugimara, Mominpur and Gazipur of Khaliajury Sadar union; Charpara, Panchhat, Boyra, Batuai of Gazipur union; and Shyampur, Kutubpur and Krishnapur of Krishnapur union.

Thousands of homesteads are under threat of erosion due to high waves in the haor waters, said Khaliajury Sadar Union Parishad Chairman Md Sanwaruzzaman Jausef.

Flood water normally enters haor areas at the end of Bangla month of Jaistha or in the beginning of Ashar, and this year's early flood has created havoc for thousands of families in the haors, said Krishnapur Union Parishad Chairman Nazim Uddin Sarker, adding that haor people erect protection walls with bamboo and polythene around their homesteads during the rainy season.

"Half of my homestead has already been eroded," lamented Suranjit Das of Nazipur village in Krishnapur union in Khaliajury.

Suranjit's neighbours, Ranadir Sarker and Alok Sarker, said erosion has added extra trouble for them while they are facing serious problems due to the untimely flood.

Khaliajury Upazila Parishad Chairman Shamsuzzaman Talukder Soyeb said erosion may take a serious turn when the rainy season starts in full swing. He demanded immediate steps by the administration to save the homesteads of the flood victims.

Khaliajury Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mohammed Tofael Ahmed said he visited some affected villages. "We urged the higher authorities to take immediate steps to protect the homesteads of the flood victims," the UNO said.

Some 30,000 families were affected in the recent flood in Khaliajury, he added.

Agriculture also faced a serious loss in the flashflood that submerged 69,710 hectares of land out of 1,84,320 hectares targeted for Boro cultivation in eight upazilas of Netrakona, said the deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension in the district.



Rabi Mahmud's house at Dhakkamara in Panchagarh municipality. Inset, the deceased Awami League leader.

Rabi: A symbol of honest politician

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Rabi Mahmud became an emblem of an austere life along with dedicated work for the party, a quality rarely to be found among present day political leaders, especially those belonging to major parties.

Mahmud, 60, vice-president of Panchagarh district unit of Awami League, met a tragic death as a bus hit the motorcycle carrying him and another senior party leader Khabir Uddin on Panchagarh-Tentulia highway in Helipad area of Sadar upazila on May 9 while they were going to attend a party meeting at Panchagarh union parishad premises.

Khabir Uddin, also critically injured in the accident, died at hospital yesterday. Mahmud with his family compris-

ing wife and two sons lived in a bamboo-fenced tin-roofed room, divided into two parts with a bamboo fence partition - and it came as a big surprise for those including some party activists who visited the house first time after his sudden demise.

After the assassination of Bangabandhu and his family members when even once seriously active party men shied away, Rabi took charge as president of Awami League's student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League's Panchagarh unit and worked tirelessly to organise the party, said locals including senior party activists.

In early 1980's, he joined Awami League.

Outspoken Rabi Mahmud was a common face in all democratic movements in Panchagarh.

He went to jail several times, especially during movements against the autocratic rule of HM Ershad.

Mahmud, who often struggled to maintain his family, hardly left any savings for them.

His wife Laila Arjumand Ara Swapna, who works at a local kindergarten for a small honorarium, is now worried about the future of their two sons -- the elder one studying BSC in Engineering at a private university while the younger son is in Class X.

Ariful Islam, organising secretary of district unit of AL, said, "During the crisis period of Awami League after the assassination of Bangabandhu, Rabi Mahmud served the party without thinking about personal interest. The party should take the responsibility of such a dedicated leader's family."

55-year-old sent to jail for raping autistic girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A 55-year-old man, arrested on charge of raping an autistic indigenous girl on Sunday, was sent to jail here yesterday.

The arrestee is Afsar Sheikh, father of seven sons, of Boikonthopur in Madhukhali municipality.

Victim's mother said her 16-year-old daughter is dumb, deaf and physically challenged. She said the girl is the eldest among her four daughters. She said Afsar picked up her daughter on Saturday noon when all the family members were out of their home. She said he took the girl to the Chandana river bank where he raped her.

Afsar's son said his father had left the area as the local people beat him after the incident.

Madhukhali Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ruhul Amin said at first the victim's family wanted to hide the matter.

The victim's mother, however, filed a rape case on Sunday with the police station against Afsar at the advice of the villagers, the OC said. He said the girl was sent to Faridpur Medical College Hospital for medical test.

Relief in matha

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

You will hardly find someone who did not want to buy some famous lightly sweetened curd of Bogra, popularly known as Misti Doi, while visiting the northern part of the country.

Besides the sweetened curd, the sweetmeat traders in Bogra are producing buttermilk, locally known as 'matha', which is gaining popularity very fast among the locals as well as the visitors.

Locals said due to the hot summer weather, a number of people of Sadar and Sherpur upazilas gathered in front of different buttermilk shops in the area to get instant relief from their thirst.

Hosne Ara, a schoolteacher in Raiganj upazila of Sirajganj, who came to visit historic Mohasthanagar with her family, said whenever she visits the area she likes to have some cold buttermilk as it gives her huge relief in the hot summer weather.

Subal Gosh, a buttermilk seller in Bogra town, said he has been selling buttermilk for Tk 5 per glass for the last 20 years, adding the demand for buttermilk is increasing day by day, especially in the summer season.

Subal said considering the customers' demand, one Gopal Chandra Gosh, owner of 'Shampa Dodhi Bhandar' in Sherpur municipality, first started to produce and sell bottled buttermilk which is gaining popularity among the consumers.

Manager of Shampa Dodhi Bhandar Tapan Kumar said they usually prepare curd and sweetmeats

throughout the year and produced the bottled buttermilk in the summer only.

Tapan said, following their footsteps, Chaiti Dodhighar, Rinki Dodhighar and Jalajog Dodhighar also have been producing buttermilk on commercial basis for the last two to



three years.

Physician Dr Abdul Razzak said dryness from hot temperature can be reduced by drinking buttermilk as it keeps the human body cool and also prevents different physical complications.

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Trust support for Kurigram orphans

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Dr KM Maqsudur Rahman Trust helped the orphans of Golap Kha Shishu Sadan in Kurigram's Nageshwari upazila.

Dr KM Maqsudur Rahman, chairman of the trust at Gulshan in Dhaka, donated educational equipment and dresses worth Tk 40,000 to the orphans at a function held in the orphans' house on Saturday.

Bilkis Banu, director of Golap Kha Shishu Sadan, teachers of the house, orphans and some locals were present during the programme.

The chairman of the trust came forward with the assistance after a story titled Change Maker: Driven by love for orphans was published in The Daily Star on July 15 last year.

Bilkis, 43, wife of Nageswari Degree College teacher Rabiul Islam, set up Golap Kha Shishu Shadan (orphans' house) on one acre of land in Nageswari upazila town in 2009, taking five orphans. Now 61 orphans are being reared in the house. The house has been named after Rabiul's father Golap Kha.

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2	102760	Improvement of Kachua-Ramganj Hat Bottali via Purbo Sahdeb Baragacha GPS Road (Ch. 5300-5910m) under Sadar Upazila, District Nilphamari, Road ID: 173644001. Package No. RDRIP/NIL/VR-491.

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