

Abducted schoolgirl yet to be rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Lalmonirhat

A schoolgirl still remains untraced 21 days after she was abducted from Barakhata village in Hatibandha upazila under the district.

The girl, 13, daughter of Nazir Hossain, is a student of Class VII at Barakhata Girls' High School.

Police said the girl was abducted on July 5 while she was returning home from her tutor's house about half a kilometre away.

The victim's father lodged an abduction case accusing Aminur Rahman, 22, son of Azizur Rahman of Bawra village in Patgram upazila and three others with Hatibandha Police Station.

Hatibandha Shishu and Jubo Forum President Aliur Rahman said as police did not rescue the victim and arrest any of the culprits 21 days into the incident, they submitted a memorandum to Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Syed Enamul Kabir demanding rescue of the girl. "We sought help from the UNO to rescue the girl and he assured us of taking prompt action in this regard," Aliur added.

Officer-in-Charge Rezaul Karim said they are trying to rescue the girl and arrest the accused, adding that the accused went into hiding after the incident.

Khagrachhari school under erosion threat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

The decades-old famous primary school in the district is under threat of erosion by the Maine river.

Bar Adam Government Primary School in Dighinala upazila was founded in 1927. It is located beside the Dighinala-Babuchara road eight kilometres from the upazila headquarters. There are more than 350 students in the school.

This correspondent visited the spot recently and saw that the river had come very near the schoolhouse due to erosion.

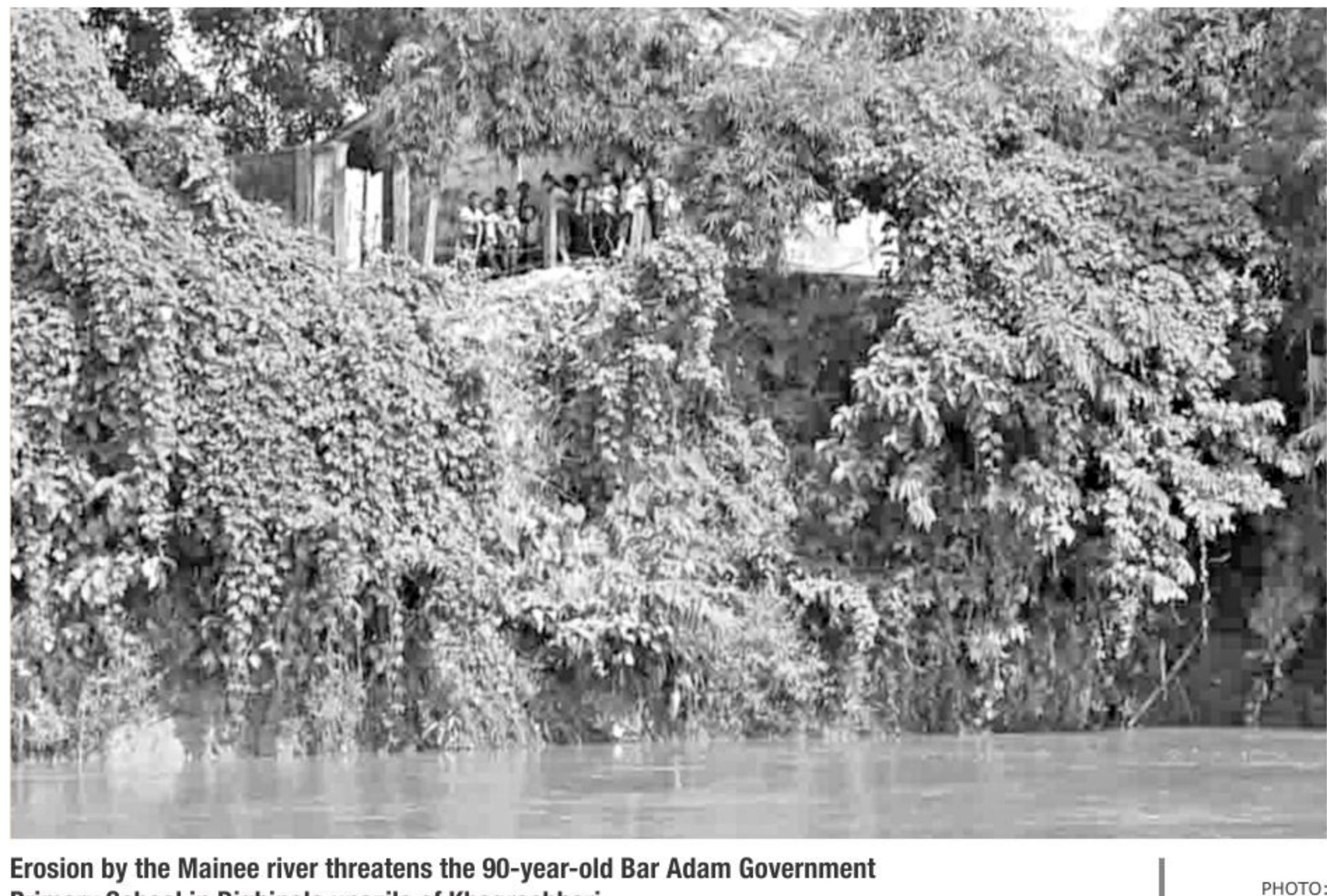
Suhas Chakma, a student's guardian, said, "We send our children to school, but we are always worried about their safety. The river is directly behind the school and the children could fall into it."

Headmaster Sudatta Chakma said, "We are also worried about the river. I submitted a letter about the matter to Khagrachhari

Hill District Council, asking them to ensure the children's safety. They erected a barbed wire fence, but that does not help." He has asked the authorities to put up a fence beside the river, Sudatta said.

Dighinala Upazila Parishad Chairman Nabo Kamal Chakma, who is a resident of Bar Adam village, said, "Now the school is in real danger of being eroded. I had written to the Water Development Board (WDB) a few years ago, but did not get any response. We took initiative once to stop erosion ourselves, but failed. If the school is washed away, it will be a great loss to the region."

District Primary Education Officer Fatema Mehar Yeasmin said, "I did not know about the matter. After hearing of it, I instructed my office to send a report to the upazila education officer immediately. I will also send a report to the authorities in Dhaka."



Erosion by the Maine river threatens the 90-year-old Bar Adam Government Primary School in Dighinala upazila of Khagrachhari.

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Students assault teacher

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Police arrested three Class X students of Brahmanbaria Government Technical School and College in Sadar upazila under the district on charge of assaulting a teacher of the institution yesterday.

A few students beat mathematics teacher Masudur Rahman inside the institution on Wednesday noon for not giving undue stipend money to Tariqul Islam, a student who failed in the last SSC examinations, Md Nabir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station, quoted teachers of the institution as saying.

The students arrested for the assault are

Tariqul Islam, 19, Ekramul Haque, 20, of Birashar area and Faisal, 20, of Modhopara area of Brahmanbaria town, he said.

The victim teacher, Masudur Rahman said regular students who are present in minimum 65 percent of the classes are given stipends.

Tariqul demanded the stipend although he failed in the last SSC examinations. As I declined to meet his demand, he physically assaulted me. Later, other teachers rescued me and admitted me to hospital," he said.

OC Nabir Hossain said preparation was on to file a case against the three detained students who were involved in the attack on the teacher.

Bogra BMA election today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

The two-yearly election of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) district unit will be held today.

A total of 1,156 voters will elect the 23-member executive committee for the session 2017-2018 from two panels. Voting will take place from 8:30am to 5:00pm, said convener of the 3-member election committee Dr Shahjahan Ali Sarkar.

Forty four candidates are vying for 22 posts. Candidate for the cashier's post Dr Shamir Hossain Mishu was elected uncontested as there was no opposing candidate.

Dr Mostafa Alam Nannu and Dr Rezaul Alam Jewel are contesting for the posts of president and secretary, respectively, from Shadhinata Chikitshak Parishad's panel, while Dr Shah Md Shahjahan Ali and Dr Md Iqbal Hassan are contesting for the same posts from the Doctors' Association of Bangladesh panel.

Excessive fees charged from HSC admission seekers

Cox's Bazar college principals justify decision

MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT, Cox's Bazar

Most of the colleges in the district are charging much more than the government-fixed fees from students seeking admission to Class XI.

Although students are being compelled to pay excessive fees, especially to get themselves admitted to the college of their choice, they are not given any receipt against the money paid, alleged a number of students talking to this correspondent.

As per the education ministry's directive, the admission to the HSC class this year started on May 9. The first phase of admission ended but the latest admission notice for the waiting students was published on July 16.

The education ministry fixed Tk 1,000 as admission fees for the colleges in rural areas, ordinary municipalities and upazila headquarters and Tk 2,000 for the colleges at the district towns. The ministry also directed the colleges to give fee waiver as far as possible to the poor, meritorious and differently able students.

An investigation showed that Harvard International College in Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila realised highest Tk 5,400 as fees from each of 200 students admitted under science, humanities and commerce groups at the college established by Jamaat-e-Islami leaders.

College Principal Sirajul Mostafa said the institution has not yet been listed in the government's MPO (monthly payment order) and it does not have building of its own. All expenses including house rent and salaries to the teachers are borne by the college fund.

He claimed that the extra fees are given by

the students voluntarily.

Cox's Bazar Commerce College is charging Tk 5,200 per student. This college has already admitted 132 students.

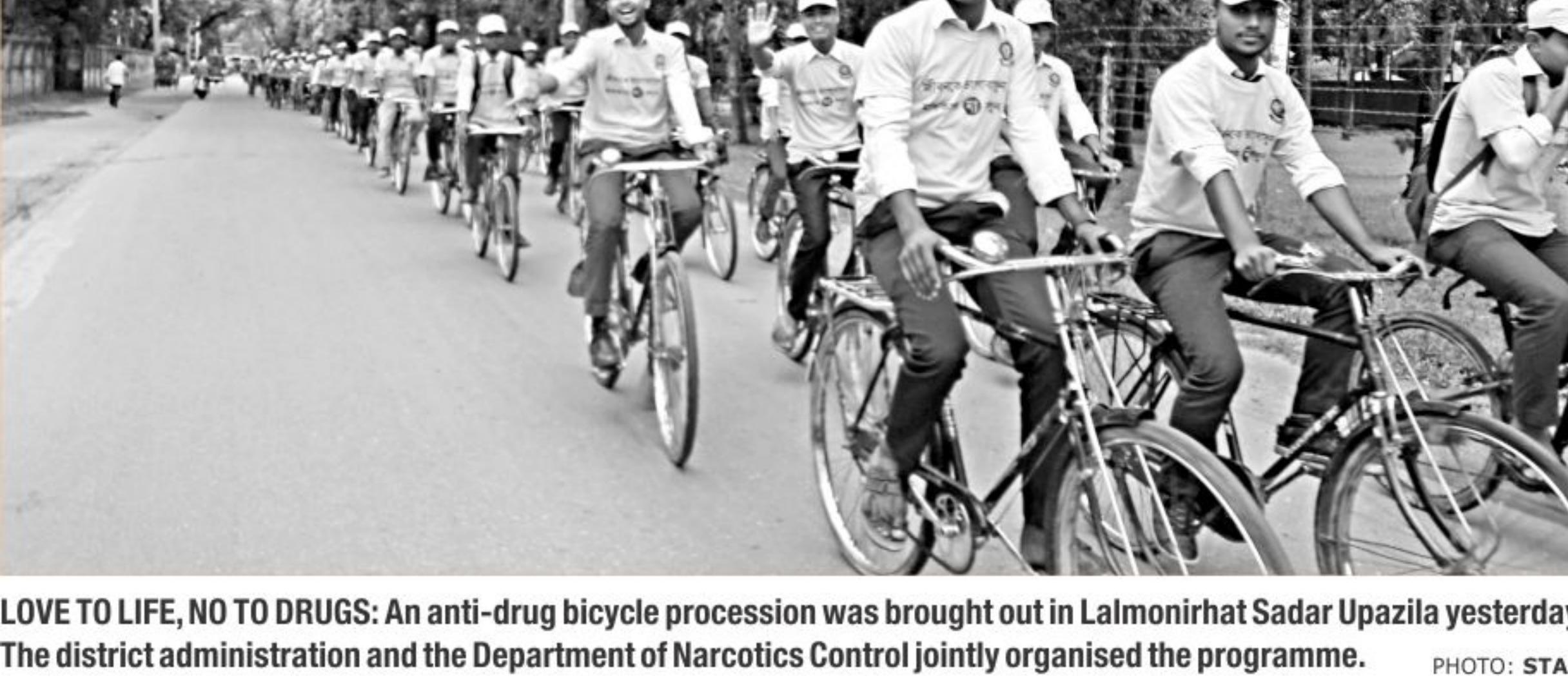
"The college is a specialised one and in view of its quality of education, there is hard competition among students for getting admitted here. The college is not an MPO-listed one and it is run with the fees received from the students," said Principal Mohammad Fazlul Karim.

Eidgaon Farid Ahmed College at Cox's Bazar Sadar is charging Tk 4,000, Ukhia College Tk 4,500, Bangabandhu Mohila College at Moheshkhali Tk 3,500, Ramu College Tk 2,900, Kutubdia College Tk 3,300, Moheshkhali College Tk 2,500 and Badarkhali College Tk 3,000 from each student seeking admission to Class XI.

Beside, Chakoria College, Pekua Ziaur Rahman Coastal College, Ukhia Bangamata Fazilatunnessa Mohila College, Moheshkhali Alamgir Farid Technical College and Hoanok College have been charging extra fees.

Contacted, Principal of Moheshkhali College Md Jasim Uddin said, "This college is admitting students, taking the fees fixed by the education ministry. Following approval from the college governing body, additional Tk 500 only is charged for the college development fund, which is not compulsory."

Asked about the matter, Deputy Commissioner Md Ali Hossain said, "Charging extra fees in violation of the education ministry's directive is an offence. The matter will be investigated and action will be taken."



LOVE TO LIFE, NO TO DRUGS: An anti-drug bicycle procession was brought out in Lalmonirhat Sadar Upazila yesterday. The district administration and the Department of Narcotics Control jointly organised the programme.

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Un-audited Consolidated financial statements as at and for the period ended 30 June 2017

Consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017

	30 June 2017 Taka	31 Dec 2016 Taka
Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	3,453,113,268	3,500,775,257
Investment property	706,991,210	504,343,755
Intangible assets	5,024,972	6,740,159
Capital work-in-progress	62,466,478	28,726,285
Trade and other receivables	37,012,500	74,025,000
Total non-current assets	4,264,608,428	4,114,610,457
Inventories	2,796,946,031	2,527,507,042
Trade and other receivables	612,069,183	618,841,556
Loan to disposed subsidiary	-	201,898,000
Advances, deposits and prepayments	335,488,935	406,247,968
Advance income tax	2,598,020,290	2,485,841,759
Cash and cash equivalents	556,986,789	802,643,479
Total current assets	6,899,511,228	7,042,979,804
Total assets	11,164,119,656	11,157,590,261
Equity		
Share capital	3,536,931,410	3,368,506,110
Share premium	1,473,647,979	1,473,647,979
Retained earnings	916,829,579	1,269,570,793
Equity attributable to equity holders of the company	5,927,408,968	6,111,224,882
Non-controlling interests	1,323	1,501
Total equity	5,927,410,291	6,111,726,383
Liabilities		
Borrowings	484,934,722	601,200,132
Deferred tax liability	146,292,421	128,416,223
Total non-current liabilities	631,227,143	729,616,355
Employees benefits payable	26,480,526	3,458,783
Borrowings	590,257,843	566,254,999
Trade and other payables	611,205,317	590,472,114
Accrued expenses	313,507,997	269,520,037
Provision for income tax	3,064,030,539	2,886,541,590
Total current liabilities	4,605,482,222	4,316,247,523
Total liabilities	5,236,709,365	5,045,863,878
Total equity and liabilities	11,164,119,656	11,157,590,261

Consolidated profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period ended 30 June 2017

	30 June 2017 Taka	30 June 2016 Taka	April to June 17 Taka	April to June 16 Taka
Sales	3,265,373,093	2,689,857,557	1,698,107,701	1,378,675,361
Cost of sales	(1,904,067,772)	(1,004,855,744)	(1,004,855,744)	(828,716,656)
Gross profit	1,361,306,321	1,115,556,321	693,251,957	550,998,705
Other income	8,048,708	1,200,250	7,236,677	600,250
Administrative expenses	(186,483,104)	(170,718,459)	(90,725,403)	(94,404,853)
Marketing and selling expenses	(406,498,892)	(321,445,415)	(199,445,262)	(171,426,426)
Profit from operating activities	776,807,023	610,024,655	410,463,370	281,736,676
Finance income	6,431,089	721,205	397,307,828	273,616,833
Finance expenses	(58,751,393)	(18,461,261)	(13,876,747)	(11,879,371)
Net finance income	(52,320,304)	(2,239,593)	(13,55,542)	(8,19,843)
Profit before contribution to worker's profit participation and welfare fund	724,486,711	607,695,062	397,307,828	273,616,833
Contribution to worker's profit participation and welfare fund	(34,809,352)	(29,978,377)	(17,206,571)	(16,100,341)
Profit before income tax	689,677,367	577,716,685	380,101,257	257,516,492
Income tax expense	(182,			