



Illegal structures choke Dumki-Patabuni canal and right, Satnai canal in Dumki upazila under Patuakhali district. A good number of canals in Dumki and Galachipa upazilas are facing similar fates.

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PROTESTING GRABBING OF TEMPLE LAND No Durga Puja at 18 Lalmonirhat temples

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Mogholhat union Puja Udjapan Parishad in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila has decided not to celebrate the Durga Puja at 18 temples in the union this year, protesting grabbing of a temple's land by an influential Awami League man.

They took the decision at Kurul Kalibari Sree Sree Durga Mandir on September 13 and submitted copies of the minutes of the meeting to Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner and other authorities concerned.

Earlier, a group led by one Nahiduzzaman Nayan, 38, grabbed 11 out of 35 decimals of land of Mogholhat Haribasara Durga Mandir on May 25 in 2015.

Later, the temple management committee filed a case with a Lalmonirhat court in this regard, which is still under trial.

Meanwhile, the group grabbed another decimal of the temple land on September 10

and threatened the committee members of grabbing the entire property.

General Secretary of Haribasara Durga Mandir Proshanto Sen said, "We submitted several appeals to the authorities concerned for taking necessary steps but nothing happened due to unknown reason."

Temple Committee President Arjun Chandra Dasgupta, also president of Mogholhat union unit of Chhatra League, said Nayan joined AL politics from BNP only a year ago in a bid to consolidate his possession of the grabbed land.

When asked, Nayan, who does not hold any post in the party, declined to make any comment to the journalists in this regard yesterday.

Acting Deputy Commissioner Rezaul Alam Sarker said he is communicating with union, upazila and district level Puja Udjapan Parishad leaders to resolve the matter.

130 canals of two Patuakhali upazilas grabbed

Cultivation of 12,000 hectares of land hampered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

One hundred and thirty canals in two upazilas of the district have allegedly been grabbed by local influential people, greatly hampering cultivation on around 12,000 hectares of land.

One hundred and eight of the canals are under Galachipa upazila and the rest 22 are under Dumki upazila. Galachipa Agriculture Office has prepared a list of the canals that have been grabbed and are being used for agriculture or fish cultivation.

Of those canals, 16 are in Dakua union, 14 in Bakulbaria, 13 in Ratandi-Taltali, 12 in Galachipa, 10 in Kalagachia, eight each in Panpattee, Chiknikandi, Gajalia and Char Biswas, five each in Amkhola and Golkhali and one in Galachipa municipality, Upazila Agriculture Officer (UAO) Abdul Mannan said.

Around 29 canals were leased showing them as agricultural land.

Most of canals were leased out till 2008, and the leasing was stopped in 2009. Local influential people then allegedly started grabbing canals by turning them into agricultural land through earth filling, or into ditches or ponds by building cross dams.

A local influential man Jamal Chowkider turned the Douri Canal into agricultural land by filling its northern side. Abdul Haque, a local farmer, said natural flow in the canal was greatly hampered during the rainy season, adversely affecting paddy cultivation in the area.

Rejecting the allegation, Jamal said he took lease of agricultural land, not a canal.

Local influential people turned the Memsahab Canal in Ratandi-Taltali area into ditches or ponds by building several cross dams on it, stopping the natural flow of water.

Like Douri and Memsahab canals, many canals, including Rahimar Canal of Naluabagi, Lakiar Canal, Gazir Canal, Tara Canal and

Patabunia Canal, in different areas have been grabbed.

The UAO said there are 33,800 hectares of cultivable land under the upazila and cultivation on around 10,000 hectares has been greatly hampered as these canals have been grabbed.

"We will send a report to the higher authorities, seeking re-excavation of the canals after freeing them from the grabbers," he added.

Galachipa Upazila Parishad Chairman Md Shamsuzzaman said some influential people turned canals into ponds or ditches by building cross dams after taking lease. Some also turned them into agricultural land by changing the classification from canal to agricultural land.

"We will take step to free these canals to regain their natural flows," he said.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Rezaul Karim said he has asked the agriculture officer to prepare a list of

grabbed canals. "We will take action after the list is prepared," he added.

In Dumki upazila, about 22 canals have alleged been grabbed by influential people. The important ones are Dumki-Patabunia canal near Pirtala Bazar, Satani Khal, Jamlar Khal, Koharjor Khal, Dangar Khal, Boyrar Khal, Noldoani Khal, Kadomtala Khal, Board-office Khal, Hatem Alir Khal, Dostorkhali Khal, Sikderkhali Khal, Kobirtokhali Khal, Fediar Khal, Godar Khal and Kocchopia Khal.

Over 100 establishments have been built occupying Dumki-Patabunia Khal, while over 50 establishments have been built on Satani Khal.

Union Parishad Member Sohrab Hossain Master is building a permanent structure occupying Satani Khal.

"I am building a house here for personal use, but I have stopped the construction now," he said.

He refused to comment any further.

Correction

A story titled "BCG vaccine, antibiotic can cause impotence" published on Page 13 of The Daily Star's September 14, 2017 issue erroneously gave the headline, and referring to Prof Dr Annemieke Geluk of Diagnostics and Tuberculosis Department at Leiden University, the Netherlands, it was wrongly mentioned that taking BCG vaccine and Rifampicin antibiotic can cause impotence in leprosy patients.

Actually what Prof Geluk said was, "From my experience, while working in Brazil, I found relatives of leprosy patients can be protected from being infected by the disease. Taking BCG vaccine and a kind of antibiotic called Rifampicin are found effective in this regard."

At the Nilphamari seminar where Prof Geluk made the statement, Dr Mashfiqul Islam, assistant registrar of National Institute of Neuroscience and Hospital, said, "Long run treatment of leprosy reaction can gradually lead to side effects like osteoporosis and impotence. These diseases are preventable by taking proper treatment method."

We regret the inadvertent mistakes and publish the correct information today to convey the real message to all concerned.

5 girls back from Indian jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Five Bangladeshi teenage girls returned home through Benapole check post on Saturday after serving two years in an Indian prison.

Indian police handed them over to Benapole police immigration.

They hail from Narsingdi and Dhaka districts, said Omor Sharif, OC of Benapole check post immigration police.

The girls entered the Indian territory two and a half years ago without valid documents through Jessore border in search of good jobs and later got the imprisonment by a court.

Villagers' clash leaves youth dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A youth was killed and at least three others were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers in Nagarkanda upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Robiul Mollah, 28, a farmer, was son of Hobil Mollah of Khudoria village in the upazila.

There had been a rivalry between the supporters of Kashem Matbor and those of Ellias Matbor and Mujibur Matbor of the village, over establishing supremacy in the locality.

Quoting local people, police said an altercation took place when supporters of the two groups sat for resolving some previous issues around 7:00am.

At one stage, followers of both the groups attacked each other with lethal weapons that left four people from both sides injured.

The injured were admitted to Nagarkanda Upazila Health Complex, but Robiul succumbed to his injuries while under treatment there.

Son kills father

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

An elderly man was killed allegedly by his son at Banshbaria village in Jessore's Keshabpur upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Nawab Ali, 70, of the village.

SM Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Keshabpur Police Station, said Abdus Salam, 32, hit his father Nawab with a stick on the head, leaving him seriously injured and fled the scene.

Critically injured Nawab later died on way to a hospital around 10:00am.

A case was filed in this connection, said the OC.



Students along with locals join a human chain in Fulchhari upazila of Gaibandha yesterday demanding capital punishment to the criminal who killed after rape seven-year-old Sinthiya Akhter, a Class I student of Fulchhari Model Government Primary School, on August 31.

PHOTO: STAR

Raja Debashish condemns cleansing of Rohingyas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Chakma Circle Chief Raja Debashish Roy yesterday condemned the Rohingya ethnic cleansing by Myanmar and expressed concerns over propaganda, rumours and incitement of violence against the Buddhist and ethnic communities in Bangladesh.

Speaking at a press conference, Debashish said, "We have heard of a number of incidents in Chittagong, Dhaka and Narayanganj in which a number of indigenous people, who work in these areas or were visiting those, were subjected to verbal abuse, intimidation and violence."

"We are concerned and also strongly condemn the perpetration of such acts," he said.

Debashish added some quarters are portraying the events in Rakhine state as a religious conflict, based on the fact that the majority community in Myanmar is Buddhist, while the refu-

gee community is predominantly from the Islamic faith.

The unbridled expressions of such views are falsely leading to the conclusion that the Buddhists in Bangladesh are somehow responsible for the atrocities perpetrated on the Muslims in Rakhine, the Chakma circle chief observed.

It is not only the non-Buddhists who have suffered the atrocities and other discrimination by the Government of Myanmar, particularly during the military rule.

There are countless other incidents in which Buddhist members of the majority Bamar community and from the Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Karen people have also been subjected to similar acts, he cited.

Apart from this, on account of oppression against people of Indian or Bangladeshi descent, several thousand Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists (particularly from the Barua community) have been forced to leave Burma,

among others, in 1930, 1944-45 and 1962, Debashish said.

It is imperative to maintain harmony between citizens of Bangladesh, whether Bangalees, hill people or from other indigenous communities, belonging to Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian or other religions or spiritual traditions on account of considering humanity, the Chakma Raja added.

Debashish said, "We support the policy of the Government of Bangladesh in this matter. We condemn the discrimination and violence, perpetrated by the Government of Myanmar, which is contrary to human rights and humanitarian norms."

In his written speech, the Raja added, "We appeal to the government to engage in bilateral and international diplomatic initiatives to facilitate early repatriation of the refugees to their own home and land, with dignity, due compensation and safety and security."

“শেখ হাসিনার উদ্যোগ-ঘরে ঘরে বিদ্যুৎ”
সংযোগ সহজীকরণ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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বাংলাদেশ পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ডের আওতাধীন পল্লী বিদ্যুৎ সমিতির সমূহের বিদ্যুৎ সংযোগ গ্রহণের প্রক্রিয়া সহজীকরণের লক্ষ্যে প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে ০৭ দিনে আবাসিক এবং ২৮ দিনে শিল্প সংযোগের জন্য সম্ভাব্য গ্রাহকদেরকে যে সকল প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র জমা প্রদান করতে হবে তা নিম্নে দেওয়া হলোঃ

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