



Students put up umbrellas inside their classroom as rainwater seeps through the roof of Talukderpara High School in Taltali upazila of Barguna.

To save from rain

Students in Patuakhali use umbrellas in classroom when it rains

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Around 700 students of a high school under Taltali upazila in Barguna are attending classes under umbrellas to save themselves from the water that seeps into the classrooms when it rains.

The school also suffers from a shortage of space, benches, tables and absence of a permanent building, depriving the students of a proper environment for learning.

Talukderpara High School was set up in 2000 in two tin-sheds, which were badly damaged in the super cyclone Sidr in 2007. Both the schoolhouses are in very bad shape due to lack of renovation since establishment of the school.

Tahera Afroj, a Class X student, said rainwater enters the classrooms as the tin roof is badly damaged, adding that students have to sit under umbrellas in the classrooms to protect themselves and their books from rainwater.

The earthen floor also becomes muddy when rainwater enters the classroom, Afroja said.

The situation is bad even on the sunny days as the tin-shed classroom becomes very hot, said Al Amin, another student of the institution.

Headmaster Abu Taher said around 700 students are studying in the institution, and the school has

achieved good results in public examinations.

All 86 examinees of Junior School Certificate passed last year, and around 120 students will take the exam this year, he said, adding that around 93 percent of the students passed Secondary School Certificate examinations this year under Barisal Education Board.

"There are only six teachers here and we have to run classes with some part-time teachers, who are all committed to providing better teaching to the students," the headmaster added.

The school has only six rooms, of which five are classrooms while the other one is used as office, teacher's room and common room, he said.

"We need more rooms to accommodate the classrooms, office room, common room, teachers' room and prayer room. We requested the authorities concerned to build a multi-story building to ensure a better environment considering the students' interest," the headmaster added.

Taltali Upazila Secondary Education Officer Lutful Kabir Md Kamrul Hasan said, "The school is running well, but there are some problems. I am preparing a list of vulnerable schools and will send it to the higher authorities for steps to renovate those."

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Drug addicts assault man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Criminals severely beat up a man on Wednesday for protesting taking of drugs by some youths in Jhalakathi's Rajapur upazila.

Critically injured Faizul Islam Mridha of Narikelbaria village is undergoing treatment at Neuroscience Hospital in Dhaka.

Faizul's elder brother Dulal Mridha said, about a week ago, his brother engaged in a quarrel with some local youths led by Ekram Khan when they were taking Yaba near his house.

Eyewitness said Ekram and his cohorts entered a barber shop and hit Faizul with cricket bat and stumps.

Riyad's arrest brings relief to Jhalakathi people

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Hundreds of families of Jhalakathi's Rajapur and Kathalia upazilas felt relieved with the arrest of notorious criminal Riyad along with a woman on Sunday.

Police arrested Riyad Talukder, 50, of Galua village in Rajapur, who controls drugs and arms business in southern region, from a residential hotel in Patuakhali's Kuakata beach area, Mozzammel Haque, Rajapur senior assistant superintendent of police (ASP), said, adding that they earlier detained three of Riyad's cohorts.

"Although Riyad raped many young girls and housewives in his locality, none dared to lodge any complaint against him while many left the area fearing his sexual harassment," said Imdad Hosain, one of Riyad's neighbours.

"I have received many complaints against Riyad from various sources and found them to be true after investigation," said the ASP.

"Following instructions of higher authorities I launched several drives in the last three days and finally arrested Riyad and one of his

close aides Poly Aktar with huge amount of sex stimulating tablets," he added.

Around a dozen cases were filed against Riyad, including for murder, abduction, arms and drugs peddling, robbery and torture, with Rajapur Police Station, he said.

"Many young housewives and parents, on condition of anonymity, informed me about the rape incidents but did not file any case in fear," the ASP said.

Police produced the arrestees before a Jhalakathi court seeking a 10-day remand on Monday afternoon.

After hearing, Judge Rubaiya Amena of Jhalakathi Senior Judicial Magistrates' Court granted a four-day remand for both the arrestees.

Later, following Riyad's statement, the law enforcers detained Ioad, 32, one of his key associates, from Nesarabad area in Jhalakathi Sadar upazila early Wednesday and produced him before a court in the afternoon, seeking a 10-day remand.

The court granted a four-day remand for him as well.

Rohingya family held in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police arrested nine members of a Rohingya family from Manihar bus stand area in Jessore town on Wednesday.

The arrestees include Jannat Bagum, 21, her nine-month-old son Hamid, Tafur Alam, 42, his wife Murshida Begum, 29, their daughter Yeasmin Nahar, 10, three sons -- Riazuul Islam, 8, Saiful Islam, 4, and nine-month-old Shahidul Islam.

They hail from Panigajiri village in Rakhaine state of Myanmar, said police.

The arrestees claimed that some people put them on a Jessore-bound bus in exchange of some money.

MADRASA GIRL, TEACHER ASSAULTED Stalker sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A court here yesterday sent a stalker to jail when police produced him before it on charge of assaulting a female madrasa girl and the superintendent of the madrasa.

The arrestee, Russel Jomadder, 28, is son of Sobahan Jomadder and brother of local Union Parishad Member Abdul Hai Jomadder.

Russel was arrested on Wednesday," said Indurkani Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nasiruddin.

The girl alleged that Russel was disturbing her for the last few days. He went to her madrasa and called her out before classes on Wednesday morning, she added.

Russel beat up the girl in front of the

madrasa gate, saying that she showed him a shoe a few days ago.

As madrasa Superintendent Shahidul Islam went to save the girl, Russel also beat him up. The girl's relatives took her to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital for treatment.

"Russel is a stalker in the area. He was disturbing the girl for the last few days, expressing his so-called love for her. As she did not pay any heed to him, he beat her up in front of us," Shahidul said, adding that Russel beat him up too as he went to save the girl.

Russel came out of jail around six months ago after serving two years for beating his father, he added.

Students of the madrasa and locals formed a human chain at Jomadder Haat demanding punishment to Russel.

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Four of a family to die for killing neighbour

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Habiganj court on Wednesday sentenced four people, including three siblings, to death for killing a man in Chunarughat upazila in 2013.

The convicts are three brothers -- Arju Miah, 35, Toyab Ali, 45, and Rafiqul Islam, 55, -- and one of their cousins Safar Uddin, 24. They all hail from Shirikandi village in the upazila.

Habiganj Additional District and Sessions Judge Mafruja Parvin handed down the verdict in presence of the convicts in the afternoon.

According to the case statement, the four convicts called Phul Mia, 32, a farmer of the village, to their house on Oct 5 in 2013 to resolve a previous dispute.

They later suffocated Phul Mia with a pillow and dumped the body in a nearby field.

Victim's brother Abdul Mannan filed a case with Chunarughat Police Station in this connection on November 25.

Dowry-greedy man kills wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A woman was beaten dead allegedly by her husband for dowry in Soyadhangora area of Sirajganj Sadar.

Police yesterday arrested two people, including the victim's husband.

The deceased was Marufa Khatun, 32, wife of Monwar Hossain of the area.

Marufa's father Abdul Mannan Sheikh said his daughter married Monwar, 35, seven years ago.

Recently, Monwar put pressure on Marufa to bring Tk 2 lakh from her parents.

On Tuesday night, Monwar and his family members beat Marufa dead and hanged the body from the ceiling, alleged Mannan.

Marufa's father filed a case accusing eight people, including Monwar, said police.

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