

# Remnant of burnt Laxmipur school

Students attend class under open sky as miscreants torched Nayanpur Govt Primary School house during January 5, 2014 polls

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Over 300 students of Nayanpur Government Primary School in Ichhapur union of Ramganj upazila under Laxmipur have to attend classes under the open sky for over four years.

"Miscreants made an arson attack, burning to ashes chairs, tables, furniture and other educational equipment of the school during January 5, 2014 national elections," said Jahangir Alam, headmaster of the school.

"The teachers give lessons to the students under the open sky as the burnt schoolhouse does not have roof, doors and windows. The higher authorities have been informed of the matter several

times," he said.

The school was established in 1965.

"Classes are often hampered, especially during scorching heat, rain and storms. Recently small repair work has started with a Tk 3 lakh grant provided by Dr Anwar Hossain Khan, chairman of Anwar Khan Modern Medical College and Hospital, also senior vice-president of Ramganj upazila Awami League," said school managing committee President Sirajul Islam.

Contacted, Assistant District Education Officer Md Mahbubur Rahman said the work for constructing a new building of Nayanpur Government Primary School will start once allocation from the ministry is available.



Students of Nayanpur Government Primary School in Ichhapur union of Ramganj upazila under Laxmipur attend classes under the open sky as the schoolhouse, badly burnt by miscreants during the national elections on January 5 in 2014, is yet to be made usable. PHOTO: NURUL ALAM

## Still they play tyre game

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The 'tyre game' is still very popular among the children in the Teesta river char (landmass emerging from riverbed) areas of the district although some of them have started playing other games.

Rejected tyres of motorcycles and bicycles have traditionally been used to play the game, locally called "Tyre game".

Nasrin Akhter, who works for development of the people in Char Dawabari, told this correspondent that around 90 percent of the children aged below 12 play 'tyre game,' those above 12 years play ha-du-du and gollachhut while a few children play football, but cricket and other expensive games are not seen in the char.

"It isn't possible for the char children to buy cricket bat and ball, football and other sports accessories due to financial constraint, so they play games that

don't need expensive equipment," said Nasrin, who works for a non-governmental organisation.

Hamidul Islam, 48, of Char Sholmari in Kaliganj upazila, said he bought two rejected motorcycle tyres for Tk 120 from the mainland for his two sons who have been playing in their leisure time for the last one year. "Our children like to play tyre game," he said, adding that char people cannot afford to buy sports equipment for their children.

Hamidul's son Sabuj Ali, 6, said he plays tyre game with his elder brother Mobarak Ali, 8, and neighbouring children every day.

"I play tyre game before and after school," said Mobarak, a student of Class II at a local school.

Aktarul Islam, 45, of Char Khatamari in Sadar upazila, said he also played tyre game in his childhood with bicycle tyre but now the children use motorcycle

tyres. "Tyre game is traditional in our char and our children get great pleasure playing it," he added.

Nur Islam, 13, said they play ha-du-du and run races during their leisure and sometimes they also play football. "We don't get football and other sports equipment easily in the char, so we play the games that don't need expensive equipment," he said, adding that he reads in Class VII in a mainland school.

Schoolteacher Majidul Islam, 55, at border village Jawrani in Hatibandha upazila, said children in the border and remote villages played tyre game a few years ago, but now this has changed and they play modern games, especially cricket.

"The tyre game is still played by the char children, along with other traditional games like ha-du-du, gollachhut and chenku panti," Majidul said.



Two children play tyre game at Char Sholmari in Kaliganj upazila of Lalmonirhat. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

## Save Manikganj rivers from grabbers, ensure free flow

Speakers tell media campaign

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Speakers at a media campaign in the town yesterday urged the government to take necessary measures to free the rivers flowing through the district from the hands of grabbers.

They also demanded dredging of the rivers in the district to allow free flow of water and protecting those from pollution released by nearby factories.

They made the demands at the rally organised on the occasion of the World River Day.

Dhaleshwari River Bachao Andolan, Manikganj Press Club and non-governmental organisation Bangladesh Resource Centre for Indigenous Knowledge

jointly organised the campaign at the Social Advancement Centre in the town.

Convener of Dhaleshwari River Bachao Andolan Azharul Islam Arzu, its Joint Convener Zahangir Alam Biswas, President of Social Advancement Centre Dipak Kumar Ghosh, Associate Programme Officer of Bangladesh Resource Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Bimal Roy, President of Manikganj Press Club Golam Sarwar Sanu, its General Secretary Biplob Chakraborty, residents of the river bank -- Mohammad Ibrahim, Lal Mia, Lutfar Miah, Nazma Akter, Jarina Begum -- and print and electronic media people shared their views and experiences at the programme.

The speakers said the Padma, Jamuna, Ichhamati, Dhaleshwari, Kaliganga, Kantabati, Manalkhani, Gazikhali, Kshirai, Manda and Bhubaneswar rivers flow through the district.

Water is flowing only in the Padma and Jamuna rivers, while the other nine internal rivers have been filled up with sand and soil, adding that the rivers have been occupied by grabbers at different places. The water has also been polluted by the waste from factories.

If no action is taken to free the rivers from grabbers for ensuring free flow of water and to clear the pollution, they will announce a continuous programme throughout the year, the speakers warned.

## Former BCL leader's body exhumed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The body of a former Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader was exhumed yesterday after 10 days of burial at Laxmipur village in Phulbaria upazila.

Phulbaria police exhumed the body of Ashfaq Al Rafi Shawon, 28, former vice-president of BCL district unit, in presence of Executive Magistrate Sheuly Hari and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Shawon, who was shot in Mymensingh town on February 26, died at a hospital in the capital on March 8, 11 days after the incident.

## FF assaulted for demanding dues

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A freedom fighter (FF) was assaulted allegedly by his neighbours at Mohisharan village in Gouripur upazila on Sunday.

FF Abdul Mazid, 66, of the village is now undergoing treatment at the upazila health complex.

The victim's elder son Mazharul Islam said his father along with some other villagers, their neighbour Moslem Uddin, realised Tk 23,100 as contribution from local people for new electricity connection some two years ago.

As Tk 20,000 was needed for the connection, the rest of money was deposited to Moslem, a former member of Achintapur union parishad, last year.

As the village people pressed Mazid to return the dues, Mazid talked with Moslem on several occasions but the later did not return the money, alleged Mazharul.

When Mazid went to ask for the money on Sunday morning, Moslem and his two brothers -- Abdul Mannan and Abdul Wahab -- assaulted him.

Mazid lodged a complaint with Gouripur Police Station, accusing the three siblings.

Moslem could not be reached as his mobile phone was found switched off.

## Natore Jubo League leader stabbed dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A local Jubo League leader was stabbed to death in the town on Sunday.

Imran Ali, 26, son of Khorshed Ali of Kanaikhali area, was youth and sports secretary of district Jubo League's ward No 4 of Natore municipality.

Abul Hasanat, additional superintendent of police, said Imran and his friends locked in an altercation over a motorbike. At one stage, his friends stabbed Imran in the area around 8:30pm.

He was rushed to Natore Sadar Hospital where doctors declared him dead, said the ASP.

## GIRL KILLED AFTER RAPE 11 sued in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Father of rape and murder victim Beauty Akter, 16, filed a case with Shayestaganj Police Station in Habiganj on Sunday night.

"Key accused Babul Mia, 30, and 10 others were mentioned in the case filed by Sayed Ali of Brahmondora village. The accused went into hiding," said OC Anisur Rahman.

"Amid stalking by Babul, son of Malai Mia of the village, my daughter stopped going to school and took job at RFL Company one year ago.

Babul and his gang raped her on January 21 when she was returning home from office," said Sayed, who later filed a rape case with a Habiganj court against Babul gang.

As Babul gave threat to withdraw the case, Sayed sent his daughter to a relative's house in Lakhai upazila on March 13.

On Friday night, she went missing and police recovered her body the next day.

## Low wage frustrates chatal workers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Around five thousand labourers working in 350 *chatal*s (concrete floor for drying paddy) in the district are frustrated due to low wage for their dawn to dusk work.

"We join our work at dawn for boiling paddy and then we remain busy the whole day for drying the crop. Twelve to fifteen labourers work together in each *chatal*, but our wage is insufficient compared to the work," said Nur Islam, 48, a *chatal* labourer at Durakuti village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

"Our job isn't regular as we get job during sunny days but remain idle during rainy or cloudy days," said Ramesh Chandra Barmon, 42, another *chatal* labourer at the same village.

"Our daily wage of Tk 300 is too insufficient to maintain the family. But we dare not demand a raise in fear of losing the job," said Nizam Uddin, 45, at Saptibari village of Aditmari upazila.

"Even when we fall sick, we do not get support for treatment from employers," said Nehadul Islam, 38, another *chatal* labourer at the same village.

"Due to hardship, sometimes we have to take money from *chatal* owners on condition selling our labour in advance," he added.

Taking the advantage of availability of labourers, the *chatal* owners deprive them, said Maniruzzaman Manir, general secretary of Bangladesh Sangjukta Sramik Federation's Lalmonirhat district unit.

"We are working to unite *chatal* labourers for raising their voice to increase their wage. We are also exchanging views with the *chatal* owners for paying fair wage to labourers," he said.

Hamidul Islam, a *chatal* owner at Saptibari village in Aditmari upazila, said there is no shortage of labourers in the area and many labourers are interested to work in the *chatal*s for daily wage of Tk 300.

Another *chatal* owner Pappu Miah at Uttar Saptana village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila said he provides help, including financial support for medical treatment, to his labourers.

## Situation tense at bus stand

Manikganj transport owners protest strike called by rivals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Tension has been prevailing between the two factions of transport owners' groups centring taking control of the transport sector after one of the rival factions called a 48-hour transport strike on March 28.

Meanwhile, protesting the strike a faction of Manikganj District Bus-Minibus-Microbus-Auto-Tempo Owners Group yesterday formed a human chain in the town.

Members of several transport owners and labourers organisations took part at the rally at Manikganj Bus Stand on Dhaka-Aricha highway.

District Awami League Labour Affairs Secretary Liakat Ali Bhandari, District Bus-Minibus-Microbus-Auto-Tempo Owners Group President Zahidul Islam Zahid and District Sramik League Organising Secretary Abdul Jalil, addressed among others.

The speakers at the rally said they would foil the strike on March 28 and also demanded arrest of transport leader Babul Sarkar, the man behind all kinds of extortion.

According to a press release signed by Mujib Sarwar Masum and Aman Ullah, convener and member secretary of another faction Gabtoli (Dhaka) Paribahan Malik O Sramik Oikya Parishad respectively, some influential people forcibly occupied Manikganj Central Bus Terminal on October 10 last year and drove away the legal members of the owners' group.

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| ৭.                                                         | তালিকাভুক্তির যোগ্যতা                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ক) ৫ বছরের পূর্ণ অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে</li><li>খ) বিদেশে এককভাবে (উন্নত বিশ্বে) / এশিয়ান দেশ সমূহে এক্সিভিশন মেলা করার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে</li><li>গ) বিদেশে অন্তত ৩টি মেলা করার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে</li><li>ঘ) দেশে আন্তর্জাতিক একাধিক মেলায় অন্তত ১ কোটি টাকার কার্যাবলি থাকতে হবে</li></ul>                                                                                |
| ৮.                                                         | আবেদনকারীর প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতা ও দাবিকৃত কাগজপত্রাদি                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ক) সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ প্রুভ লাইসেন্সের সত্যায়িত কপি।</li><li>খ) হালনাগাদ ভ্যাট সাটিফিকেট এর সত্যায়িত কপি।</li><li>গ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর সাটিফিকেট এর সত্যায়িত কপি।</li><li>ঘ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সাটিফিকেট এর সত্যায়িত কপি।</li><li>ঙ) সরকারি ও স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে ইভেন্ট ম্যানেজমেন্ট সংক্রান্ত কাজের ৫ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সদস্যের সত্যায়িত কপি।</li></ul> |
| ৯.                                                         | আবেদনপত্র ০৬/০৪/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ তারিখে উদ্ভাষিত স্থান ও সময়ে (সরকারী ছুটির দিন হলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে) উপস্থিত আবেদনকারী অথবা তাদের প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে খোলা হবে। |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| ১০.                                                        | কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই সকল আবেদন গ্রহণ ও বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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