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### RANGPUR CITY CORPORATION 177 temporary

# employees sacked

Probe body finds their appointment illegal; fresh recruitment underway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A total of 177 Rangpur City Corporation (RCC) employees appointed on a temporary basis have been terminated after a probe committee found their appointment illegal.

Akter Hossain, an executive officer of RCC, who led the probe committee, said they were appointed to different posts without any approval from the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives.

RCC Mayor Mostafizar Rahman Mostafa approved the termination order on Thursday four days after the fivemember body formed on March 4 had submitted its findings, said Akter.

Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhantu, late mayor of RCC, made the recruitment during his term, said the incumbent mayor.

Mostafa said he held up the process of payment of their salaries soon after he had taken charge on February 19 this year. The 177 employees have been unpaid for the last three months, he said, adding that their due salaries will be paid within a day or two. Besides, a fresh recruitment to the posts will be made as

early as possible, said the mayor. The RCC authorities wrote a letter to the ministry on May 3 seeking its permission in this regard, he added.

Jhantu served as the first mayor of RCC for five years since

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#### Another held over assaulting madrasa super

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Police yesterday arrested another person in connection with the case filed over the assault on a madarasa superintendent in Bakerganj upazila of Barisal.

The arrestee Sohel Khandakar, 25, is one of the thirteen accused in the case. Sohel was arrested in

Patuakhali Saturday, said police. Drive is underway to arrest the main accused Zahangir Khondokar and Razaul Islam.

So far, four have been arrested. Criminals poured stool on the head of the madrasa superintendent at Kathalia village on Friday, allegedly following a rivalry centring the institution's management committee election.

The perpetrators also spread the video of the incident on Facebook, Victim Md Abu Hanif, 60, filed a case with Bakerganj Police Station on Sunday, accusing six people including his brother Zakir Hossain and Zahangir.

# 100 families evicted from risky hill slopes in Ctg

No alternative accommodation arrangements made

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

To avoid casualties caused by landslides during monsoon, the Chittagong district administration conducted an eviction drive yesterday against the hill dwellers vulnerable to the calamity.

Housing area after the hill dwellers were notified on Saturday, said district administration officials. An announcement about the eviction was made in the evening, they added.

However, the over 100 evicted famiinformed about the drive.

continued till 1:30pm. The administra-

tion dismantled around 100 tin-shed houses. Illegal water, gas and power connections were also disconnected.

"We evicted those who were living at the foot of the hills in Akbar Shah area to avert any landslide causality during the monsoon," said Sheikh Jobaer Ahmed, It was conducted in Railway Toton assistant commissioner (AC) (land) of Kattoli Circle, who led the drive. Three more ACs (land), police and ansar personnel, and officials of Department of Environment and other government organisations assisted in the drive.

Asked as to why people are being lies claimed that they were not evicted from the hill slopes without making any alternative arrangement The drive began around 10:00am and for them, AC Jobaer said, "We have no other option but to do so as landslides

may occur due to heavy rainfall."

When asked about relocating the families, he said, "This is an ongoing drive. We are doing so to save the lives of those living on hill slopes in different areas. It is not easy to relocate such a large number of people."

He did not elaborate any further, but said they did not evict all the hill dwellers. "We evicted those who were most vulnerable to landslides."

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Meanwhile, a sense of anxiety and uncertainty regarding their future was prevailing among the evicted families. During the drive, many families

were seen shocked, many were crying SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

#### Bone marrow transplant unit opens at Apollo Hospitals

CITY DESK

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