

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY
20 injured in BCL infighting
 OUR CORRESPONDENT, KUSHITIA

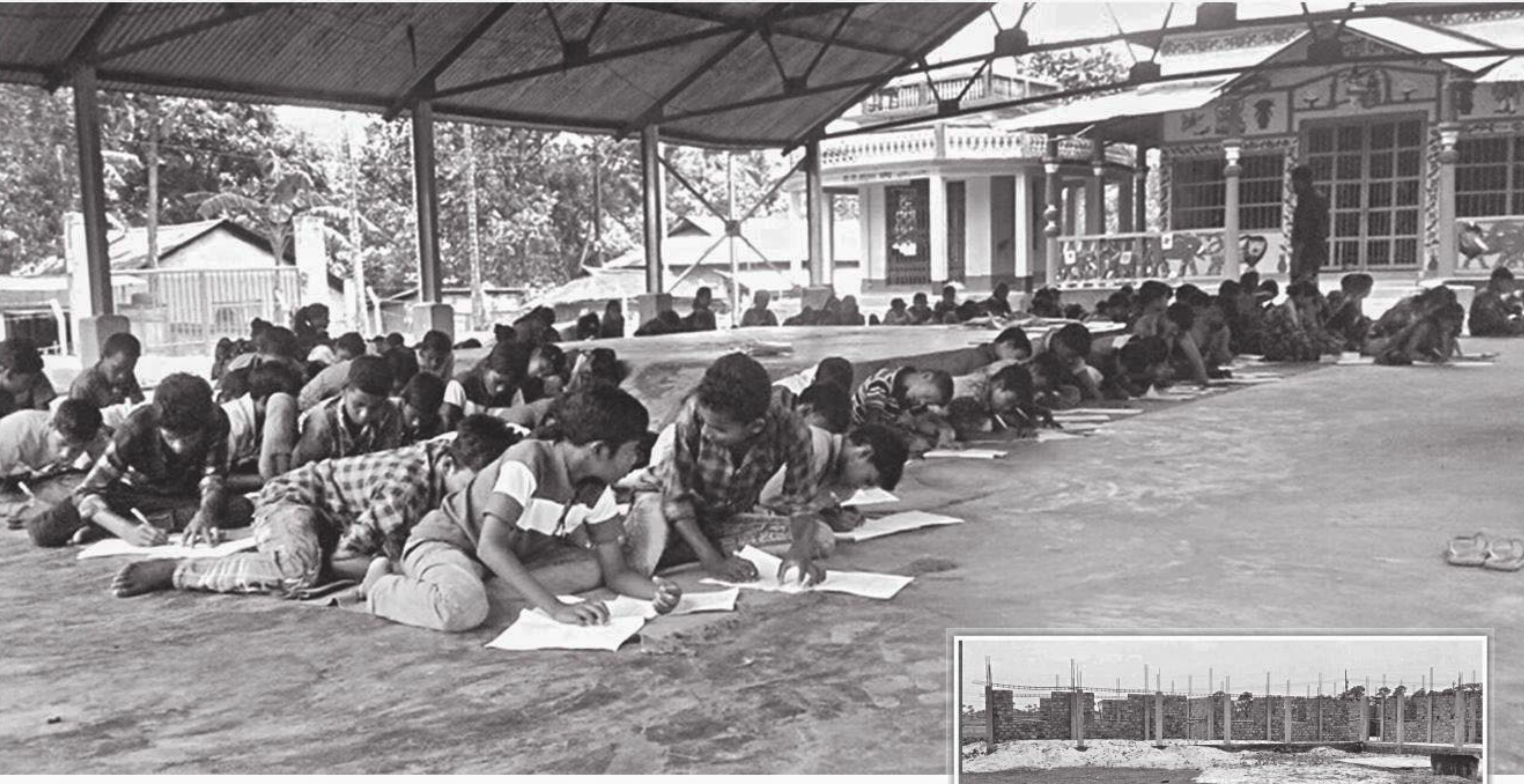
At least 20 people were injured in a clash between two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Islamic University (IU) premises on Sunday night. Of the injured, seven were admitted to Kushtia General Hospital while six others are undergoing treatment at IU medical centre, police said. Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Islamic University Police Station Zahurul Alam said the clash took place between followers of BCL General Secretary, IU unit, Rakibul Islam and its member Tanmoy Saha at Zia More in front of Saddam Hossain Hall. A group of BCL men, led by Rakibul, went to Saddam Hossain Hall around 10:30pm in search of the students, who are not residential but staying there, he said. They beat up Mosharrif Hossain Neel, a resident of room no 235, also a supporter of Tanmoy, and several students of other adjacent rooms. Hearing the news, Tanmoy's supporters gathered at Zia More and locked into a clash with the followers of Rakibul, the OC added. Police said both the groups used bamboo sticks, iron rods and bricks during the half an hour clash that left 20 activists from both sides injured. Several crude bombs were blasted during the clash. A team of police and IU proctor's body rushed to the spot and calmed the situation down.

CLASSES ON TEMPLE PREMISES

Tea workers' children left with no classroom for months

MINTU DESHWARA

Students of a high school in Habiganj's Chunarughat upazila have been taking classes on the premises of a temple for the last eight months. The school in question is Bangabandhu High School, where mostly the children of indigenous tea garden workers are enrolled. In September last year, a total of 1,100 workers of Lalchand Tea Garden raised funds with nominal contributions to start the construction of the school. With the raised money and a donation of Tk 500,000 from a former upazila parishad (UP) chairman, they started the construction but could erect some walls only until December. "The initiative was taken because the nearest school, Subhe Sadiq High School, is located five kilometre from the tea garden. Children were losing interest to continue studies due to the distance while girls, in particular, were facing harassment from stalkers on their ways to school," said Sagor Bauri, president of the school managing committee. "In order to reduce the dropout rates, the workers decided to open the school. The initiative was taken under the banner of Byatikram Cha Chhatra Juba Sangathan, a local welfare organisation," Bauri told this paper. But now, a total 130 students -- 82 in Class VI and 48 in Class VII -- are taking classes on the premises of Lalchand Cha Bagan Durga Mondir in the garden area. Teachers, who give voluntary services, cannot take classes on rainy days or when a programme is being held at the temple premises. The students and teachers use toilets of adjacent houses. "I cannot focus on my studies. My books were damaged in rain lately," said Dipu Mudok, a Class VII student of the institution. "Earlier, I had to walk about 10 kilometres every day to go and return from



Students of Bangabandhu High School in Habiganj's Chunarughat upazila attend classes on the premises of Lalchand Cha Bagan Durga Mondir. Inset, the under construction schoolhouse.



PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Subhe Sadiq School. I faced difficulties in communicating with the teachers there as they did not understand my native language. So I changed my school." Bristy Mura, a student of Class VI, said, "Our senior sisters were facing harassment from stalkers. So my parents became unwilling to send me to school. But they changed their minds when this new school was set up. "But now there is no room, no benches. We have to attend classes and

even sit for exams in this condition. Writing while sitting on the ground is quite difficult," she told this correspondent. Rony Goala, an assistant teacher of the school, said, "Delivering lectures becomes difficult when pujas are performed at the temple." Goala, whose parents are also tea garden workers, sought the government's intervention to carry out the school activities smoothly.

Chunarughat Upazila Education Officer Shamsul Haque said, "I am aware of the school's sorry state. The district education officer and other high-ups have been informed about it." "The workers' children receive education up to grade V from makeshift schools run by NGOs here. But they become reluctant afterwards," said Sagor Bauri, adding that, "Bangabandhu School charges Tk 100 per month while Subhe Sadiq charges Tk 160. Monthly

fees are as high as Tk 400 in other private schools." He said they could expand the school up to class X if Tk 10 lakh could be arranged. "Local upazila parishad and wealthy locals had been approached for contributions, but no response came from them yet. For now, to build the classrooms, an office room and toilets and to buy benches, we need at least Tk 5 lakh."

MOLESTING SCHOOLGIRLS

Probe finds headteacher guilty

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least five female students, from third to fifth grade, of a government primary school made allegations of sexual abuse against their headteacher in Kalapara upazila on Sunday. The children made the allegations before upazila primary education officer who was conducting an inquiry at Omedpur Government Primary School after receiving a written complaint of molestation against Rezaul Karim, the school's headteacher for nine years. Abdul Bashar, acting primary education officer of Kalapara, said, during his investigation at the school on Sunday, he was convinced that allegations brought against Rezaul were true. He also said he already submitted his report to district primary education officer for necessary action. In the written complaint, a guardian of a fourth-grade female student alleged that a day before the Eid-ul-Azha vacation, after all teachers and students left the school, Rezaul asked her to shut windows and doors of classrooms. At one stage, when the teacher forcibly made sexual advances to her, she tried to scream for help. But he handed her Tk 500 cash and asked her not to disclose the matter to anyone. Otherwise, he would fail her in exams. Last Saturday, when a number of guardians confronted the teacher over the allegation at the school, he fell unconscious. He was first taken to Kalapara Upazila Health Complex and later to Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) in Barishal. Demanding action against the teacher and protection of the students from such abuse, many guardians said they stopped sending their children to the school as their children complained of being molested by him on various occasions. Despite repeated phone calls yesterday, this correspondent was unable to reach Rezaul for his comments over the allegations. Contacted, Mohammad Sayaduzzman, district primary education officer in Patuakhali, said, "I am yet to receive the report. I will take legal action after receiving it."

UP MEMBER MURDER

Seven get life term

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A Pirojpur court yesterday sentenced seven people to life term imprisonment for killing a union parishad (UP) member in Mathbaria upazila in 2009. The convicted are Mohammad Bachchu, Alam Mollah, Mohammad Sahadat, Mohammad Idris, Mohammad Illias, Abdur Rahim and Delwar Hossain. Of them, Bachchu and Idris were tried in absentia. Pirojpur District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Abdul Mannan also fined the convicted Tk 10,000 each. In default, they are to suffer one year more in jail. According to the case statement, members of a robbers' gang hacked Shah Alam Rana, 48, member of ward no 5 under Dhanisafa Union, when he went out of his house after hearing that a robbery incident had occurred at Phuljhuri village on July 26, 2009. Family members took injured Rana to Mathbaria Upazila Health Complex, from where he was shifted to Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital the next day. He died on 29 July.

Power connection seekers cheated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Around 200 people of Dalalpara and Jorapukur villages in Hatibandha upazila have been cheated in the name of getting new electricity connection. Promising to give power connection a local syndicate took money from the victims two-and-a-half years ago but they are yet to get electricity, said the connection seekers. The syndicate members took the amount for giving it as bribe to power board officials, they said. Shahidul Islam, a farmer of Dalalpara village, said five members of the syndicate took Tk 1,500 to Tk 5,000 from each of 200 connection seekers at the two villages in the name of giving electricity over two years ago but they are yet to get power connection. "We finally understood that we have been cheated by the syndicate," said Shahidul. Another farmer Abdur Rashid of the village said they have been facing trouble because of a lack of electricity in their area. He demanded immediate power supply in their village. Mohasin Ali, a syndicate member of the village, said he along with other members collected money from the villagers in the name of giving electricity connection and the entire amount was given to Rafiqul Islam as he continued communicating with the power board officials. Rafiqul received the money but he failed to fulfil the villagers' demand, said Mohasin. Contacted, Rafiqul of the village said he did not receive any cash from the villagers for giving them electricity connection. The connection seekers filed a complaint to Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Samiul Amin to take action in this regard. The UNO said they will investigate into the matter.

Bring criminals to book

Locals demand after 10 injured in Sunday's attack on a Hindu family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Locals have demanded early action against the perpetrators involved in Sunday's attack on a Hindu family at Thakurer Hat in Betagi Sankipur union under Dashmina upazila. Meanwhile, four-year-old Kotha Rani, one of the 10 injured in the attack, was sent to Barishal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital yesterday morning. Earlier on Sunday night, three victims of the attack were admitted to the same hospital while six others including Khitish Majumder, 60, are undergoing treatment at Dashmina Upazila Health Complex. "The gang made the attack to occupy Khitish Majumder's shop with 10 decimals of land at Thakurer Hat on Patuakhali-Dashmina road. Locals Hindus are worried after the attack," said Poshari Rani, a community leader, also member of Betagi-

Sankipur union parishad. Police arrested Alam Mridha, 30, and Zahidul Islam, 25, of Adamapura village in Dashmina for their alleged involvement in the attack while alleged gang leaders Jubo League men Jahir and Iraq went into hiding. Contacted, Dashmina upazila Jubo League president Nasir Uddin Pahloan, also vice president of Dashmina upazila parishad, claimed that Jahir and Iraq are not involved with the party. Additional Superintendent of Police Md Mahfuzur Rahman visited the spot yesterday morning and assured local Hindus of adequate security measures. SM Jalal Uddin, OC of Dashmina Police Station said, "We are trying our best to arrest all the attackers. Policemen have been deployed on the spot."



The banana market in Munshipara area of Dinajpur municipality gets momentum. It sees huge supply of the fruit and farmers are getting fair prices as well. The photo was taken on Sunday.

PHOTO: KONGKON KARMAKER

Abducted girl rescued, three arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Sunday night rescued an abducted college girl from Mirzapur upazila. They also arrested three people, including a 16-year-old boy, in this connection. The arrestees include Md Jahidul Islam, 19, and Md Siam Miah, 18, of Gandharba Uttarpara village. A gang abducted the girl from the area in the morning and demanded Tk 10 lakh ransom from the family for her release, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Md Shafiqur Rahman, acting commander of Rab-12. On secret information, the elite force raided a house at Gandharba Uttarpara village and rescued the girl. They also arrested the trio from the spot.

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