

GAIBANDHA SANTAL COMMUNITY

# Education of ethnic kids under threat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

From the outside, the uncertainty that surrounds Shyamol-Mongal-Romesh Smrity Bidya Niketon in Gobindaganj upazila is hardly noticeable.

Like many other primary schools of the country, this free institution for the underprivileged Santal children of Madarpur and Joypur villages starts at 8:00am and ends at 3:00pm accommodating around 100 students in two shifts in a two-room tin hut.

But this stability may not last long, fears the school's four teachers, who often work without pay.

Head teacher of the school Pricilla Murrusaid Santal parents are too poor to pay any fees so the school entirely depends on intermittent charity from the district administration and non-profit organisations such as Gram Pathagar Andolan and Bangladesh Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (BNELC).

Moreover, the school is currently situated on the 'disputed land' of Shahebganj sugarcane farm under Rangpur Sugar Mills.

According to testimonies given to the National Human Rights Commission by the Santals, in 1962 the then government acquired 1842 acres of land from the forefathers

of the local Santal and Bangalee communities for cultivation of sugarcane to run Rangpur Sugar Mills.

The contract made with the mill authority stipulated that if sugarcane cultivation stopped there, the land will be returned to the government, who may decide to restore the land to its previous state.

When the mill authority breached the terms of the contract, a number of Santal families applied to the government to return their forefather's land.

Backed by some politicians, they moved in a portion of the farmland in 2016 and started living there.

On July 01, 2016, the indigenous community opened a school for their children inside the farmland.

However, on November 06, 2016, a tripartite clash broke out between the indigenous Santals, labourers of the farm and police over the eviction of the indigenous people from the disputed land, leaving three Santal men --- Shyamol Mardi, Mongal Mardi and Romesh Tudu dead and 20 others, including nine policemen, injured.

During the clash, many shanties, including the schoolhouse, were set afire.

The Santal families were forced

to find shelter in adjacent Madarpur village, where with help from Tangail's Abdul Sattar, founder of Gram Pathagar Andolan, they restarted the school on January 27, 2017 naming it after the three indigenous men killed in the clash.

Recently, couple of families moved back in the farmland and shifted the school there, defying threat of eviction.

Under the circumstances, Philimon Baske, president of Shahebganj Bagda Bhumi Uddhar Sangram Committee, feels that the school's future can be secured if it is nationalised.

However, Deputy Commissioner of Gaibandha Md Abdul Matin insisted that the government does not own any 'khas' land inside the Shahebganj farm and the Santal community can be rehabilitated in a cluster village in Fulhar under Katabari union, three kilometres from the farm.

A new school can be built there if the community wants but they are unwilling to move to the cluster village, he added.

Speaking for the Santals, Philimon demanded rehabilitation of the evicted families in their forefather's land and construction of a government primary school for the ethnic children there.



Teachers and children from the Santal community pose for a photo in front of Shyamol-Mongal-Romesh Smrity Bidya Niketon at Madarpur village in Gaibandha's Gobindaganj upazila.

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Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG-Dhaka Range) Habibur Rahman, flanked by public representatives and officials, inaugurates e-trafficking prosecution system on the premises of Tangail Police Lines on Monday afternoon. The initiative aims at bringing discipline in transport system through full implementation of the new Road Transport Act, said the DIG.

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## Prisoner attempts to kill self at court dock

Critically injured Bakul undergoing treatment at RMCH

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

An undertrial prisoner tried to kill himself by cutting throat with the sharp metallic part of his handcuff out of frustration at the dock of the senior judicial magistrate's court in the district on Sunday.

Critically injured Jahidul Islam Bakul, 30, was rushed to Nilphamari 250-bed Modernized Hospital and then shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) as his condition worsened.

Bakul, son of Abdul Mannan, is accused in a bike lifting case, said Court Inspector Shahid Suhrawardy, adding that Mannan is an employee of Saidpur railway workshop.

Resident Medical Officer (RMO) of Nilphamari 250-bed Modernized Hospital Dr Shafi Mahmud said Bakul was given 10 stitches for his wounds.

As his condition worsened, he was shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, said the RMO.

On Sunday morning, Bakul and three other accused were brought to the court from Thakurgaon jail in the bike lifting case filed by one Talukdar Nazrul Islam of Nizpara area in Saidpur on September 29.

The four have been languishing in Thakurgaon jail for long in two other cases, said the court inspector.

Around 11:30am, when Senior Judicial Magistrate Sahadev Chandra

Roy after hearing the case ordered to send the four to jail, Bakul pointed his finger at the judge and loudly said he has been languishing in Thakurgaon jail for long and so frustrated.

At one stage, he tried to commit suicide by cutting throat with the sharp metallic part of his handcuff, said the inspector.

Police instantly rescued Bakul and sent him to Nilphamari 250-bed Modernized Hospital.

It is mentioning that Bakul's father got so fed up with his son's anti-social activities like theft and due to this, he refused to appoint any lawyer to run the case.

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1	Periodic Maintenance of Chechua GC-Hatkalir Bazar GC & Shibgonj Bazar Road. Muktagacha portion from Ch 370m-550m & 2100m-7050m. Under Muktagacha Upazila District Mymensingh. Road ID No 361652007 (Package no: e-Tender/LGED/MYM/ GOBM/19-20/W-05; e-Tender ID: 377153)	GOBM	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 12:30	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 14:00	LTM
2	Periodic Maintenance of Mothbari UP-Kholabari bazar road from Ch 00m-4470m Under Fulbaria Upazila District Mymensingh Road ID No 361203018 (e-Tender/LGED/ MYM/ GOBM/19-20/W-07; e-Tender ID: 377794)	GOBM	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 12:30	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 14:00	LTM
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5	Periodic Maintenance of Uihora UP-Koiadi Bazar via Chander bazar from Ch 2205m-3685m Under Bhaluka Upazila District Mymensingh. Road ID No 361133014 (e-Tender/LGED/MYM/ GOBM/19-20/W-11; e-Tender ID: 377819)	GOBM	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 12:23	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 14:00	LTM
6	Periodic Maintenance of Dhubaura Upazila H/Q - Shibgonj Gc Road Via Kolsindur GC & Charuapara Bazar.From Ch 6000m-8800m Under Dhubaura Upazila District Mymensingh. Road ID No 361162003 ( e-Tender/ LGED/MYM/GOBM/19-20/W-12; e-Tender ID: 377821)	GOBM	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 12:00	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 14:00	LTM
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10	Periodic Maintenance of Durduria Bazar-Radhakania UP Road from Ch.1600m-3600m Under Fulbaria Upazila District Mymensingh. Road ID No 361203013 ( e-Tender/LGED/MYM/ GOBM/19-20/W-16; e-Tender ID: 377835)	GOBM	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 12:30	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 14:00	LTM
11	Periodic Maintenance of Mothbari UP- Mokshspur UP Road from Ch.00m-2550m Under Trishal Upazila District Mymensingh. Road ID No 361943005 ( e-Tender/LGED/MYM/ GOBM/19-20/W-18; e-Tender ID: 377841)	GOBM	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 12:30	Date:24-11-2019 Time: 14:00	LTM

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Tender ID, Package No. & date of publishing	Brief description of goods and related service	Last selling and closing date & time
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