

School vandalised over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Unidentified criminals yesterday vandalised a private school in Laxmipur Sadar upazila over a land-related dispute.

At least 12 classrooms of the school were damaged due to the attack, said locals and the school authorities.

The Palerhat Model Academy was established in 2014 in Palerhat village and has some 250 students at present.

"My mother is owner of the land. But some of our relatives - Tofayel Ahmed, Abu Taher and Khorshed - have been claiming its ownership for a long time," said Morshed Kamal, headteacher of the school.

"Several arbitrations were arranged in the past to resolve the dispute. Even, a meeting was held on September 13 at the UNO (upazila nirbahi officer) office to this end. They (Tofayel, Taher and Khorshed) could not show any valid documents



in support of the land's ownership," said Morshed.

"Being angered, they first attacked the school on Thursday night. Then we dialed 999 seeking support of law enforcers. When police arrived, the attackers fled the scene," he said.

However, they returned early yesterday and attacked the school again, vandalised the classrooms and looted laptops and cash, alleged Morshed.

Contacted, Tofayel claimed that he owns the land and refuted the allegations of attacking the school.

"Morshed rented the land from me for 10 years. He (Morshed) is trying to grab the land. Now, he is making a drama. He assigned some people to vandalise the school so that he can implicate me in a false case. Neither me nor any of my men is involved in the attack," said Tofayel.

On information, police went to the spot and found that the school was vandalised, said Md Mosleh Uddin, officer-in-charge of Laxmipur Sadar Model Police Station.

The school head teacher Morshed filed a case yesterday evening. Police are investigating the incident, the OC added.



Using nets, a man catches fish at a nearby marshland. Like him, others are also involved in fishing there. They net a variety of fish including shoal, koi and bele from the marsh and earn around Tk 400-600 after selling those at local markets. The photo was taken near Joyrabad in Jashore yesterday.

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'We want Tk 25,000 as minimum wage'

Demand RMG workers in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Bangladesh Garment Workers' Solidarity in Gazipur has demanded a minimum wage of Tk 25,000 for ready-made garments workers.

This demand was voiced during a protest rally held at the Gazipur intersection around 4:00pm yesterday.

Taslima Akhter, the central president of Bangladesh Garment Sramik Solidarity, and Babul Hossain, the central general secretary, spoke at the rally.

Their demands include: 10 percent yearly increments, mandatory provident fund, reduction of wage structure grades from seven to five, initiatives by owners and the government to reduce gas and electricity prices, mandatory insurance, medical and maternity benefits, and introduction of education and emergency funds.

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rules. If the wooden structure catches fire, it will affect our shopping mall severely," said a trader of the shopping mall, wishing anonymity.

Khudra Hawkers Sombay Samity Limited's president Ekram Ullah admitted that they were constructing the wooden structure without permission from the district administration.

However, Ekram claimed he had "informed" the matter to district administration officials.

Replying to a query, he said temporary shops would be set up there for 10 months only to "rehabilitate" hawkers.

Contacted, Saad Mohammad Andalib,

executive engineer of the Public Works Department's Noakhali office, said, "We have a plan to construct a government building there. We have already sent a project proposal to our higher authorities. But some people started illegal construction work there few days ago."

"We conducted a drive to stop illegal construction works there. But we have come to know that they are continuing works on government holiday. Drives will be conducted again to evict the illegal grabbers soon," said Dewan Mahbubur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Noakhali.

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Speakers also said it's the state's responsibility to ensure people's rights.

Lokman Ahmed, president of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord Implementation Committee in Sylhet; and Abu Jafor, its member secretary, were present at the rally.

Among others, Nazmul Haque Prodhan, central

general secretary of Jasod; Razequzzaman Ratan, central joint secretary of Basod; Saiduzzaman Badsha, president of Jatiya Sramik Jote; Shahin Rahman, presidium member of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, spoke at the rally.

Earlier, the committee organised similar rallies in Chattogram, Rangpur and Mymensingh.

SNATCHING TK 20 LAKH

Two cops among 5 remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed five people, including two police constables, on a two-day remand each in a case filed over the snatching of Tk 20 lakh in the capital's Paltan area.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mehera Mahbub passed the order after investigation officer Sumit Kumar Saha, also a sub-inspector of Paltan Model Police Station, produced the five before the court with a five-day remand, said a police officer at the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

The five are constables Mahbub Ali and Asif Iqbal of Demra Police Lines in DMP and their aides - Hridoy and Rasel, and Shahjahan, a staffer of the victim's company.

Among the robbed money, constables Mahbub and Asif had Tk 10 lakh, while Rasel and Hridoy respectively took Tk 4 lakh and Tk 6 lakh, according to the case documents.

Police arrested them from different parts of the capital and managed to recover the money in its entirety on September 21.

Abdullah Al Mamun, owner of a private firm, filed a robbery case with Paltan Model Police Station the same day.

Implement 2018

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"Before the election in 2018, Awami League made several commitments in their electoral manifesto regarding religious and ethnic minorities. However, the government has not yet fully implemented them," said Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of the Oikya Parishad.

"Oikya Parishad has been carrying out a long-standing movement in pursuit of such implementation. As part of the movement, we started the hunger strike programme," he added.

According to leaders of Oikya Parishad, the commitments included

the enactment of laws for minority protection, the formation of a national commission for minority affairs, proper implementation of the law for the return of confiscated properties to rightful owners, enactment of anti-discrimination laws, enactment of inheritance laws, appropriate and comprehensive implementation of agreements with hill tracts, and the establishment of a separate land commission for plainland indigenous people. Lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon, president of Workers Party, expressed solidarity with the hunger strike.

His legacy must

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did not get that many journalists as climate negotiator. "At international level, Quamrul Islam could deliver crucial things at right place and on right time," she added.

Quamrul's son Shah Refayet Chowdhury was also present at the event.

Quamrul breathed

his last on May 2, leaving behind his wife, a son and a daughter.

Hasan Hafiz, senior vice-president of the press club, moderated the event while Jagaontor editor Saiful Islam, press club's former president Shafiqur Rahman MP, and DoE director Ziaul Haque spoke, among others.

Defeated

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took place on January 30, 2021, and independent candidate Abdul Ahad was initially declared the winner of the mayoral position by a margin of 2 votes.

Abdul Ahad secured 2,083 votes, while his closest rival, Faruque Ahmed, also running independently, received 2,081 votes.

Later that year, Faruque filed a case with the electoral tribunal, alleging irregularities in the election results and requesting a recount of the votes from five centres.

After multiple recounts in the presence of legal representatives, the court determined on Thursday that Faruque had obtained 2,071 votes, while Abdul Ahad had received 2,067 votes.

Expressing his satisfaction, Faruque said he was happy to get justice.

Contacted, Abdul Ahad said, "I would prefer not to comment at this time, as I have not yet received the final copy of the verdict, which I will get on Sunday."

The child survives

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managed to move baby Hossain a short distance by pushing him from his father's grasp, sacrificing his life while doing so.

"After Anik pushed the baby away, he was just floating on water for several minutes, but no one dared to touch the child."

"Then, Arif, the child's maternal uncle, who rushed to the scene from the opposite side of the road after hearing about the accident, rescued Hossain from the water," Iqbal, a cousin of the deceased Anik and also a witness, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The child's uncle took him back to the nearby Jhalakathi slum where he lived, but then went back to the site in a desperate attempt to recover the bodies of Mizanur, Mukta, and Lima. He refused to acknowledge that the three had already passed away by then.

Even though baby Hossain required immediate medical attention as his life was still in danger, no one wanted to take him to the hospital passing the waterlogged streets.

Then, hijras Parboty Roy, Brishty Roy, and Amina Khatun took the matter upon themselves and took the injured Hossain to Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute, and later to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

About the incident, Parboty Roy told The Daily Star that they were at home during the rain. At one point, they heard a ruckus and came out of the house to find that some people had died, and a child was rescued.

"When the child was brought to our slum, we saw blisters on his body and understood he required immediate medical attention. But no one wanted to take the trouble, so we stepped in," Parboty

said.

The doctors discharged Hossain from DMCH yesterday morning after the primary treatment, said Bacchu Mia, inspector at DMCH Police Outpost.

He said Hossain was handed over to his grandparents.

The deceased Mizanur's village home is in Jhalakathi. He used to make a living by selling juice and jhalmuri in front of Mirpur zoo. He lived with his family in a slum near the Botanical Garden.

Sanwar Sheikh, grandfather of Hossain, told The Daily Star they would take Hossain back to Jhalakathi to look after him and would take the bodies of his deceased family members to their Jhalakathi home for burial.

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