

100 illegal structures on R&H land demolished NCTB books for pry students being sold in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Feb 7:—As a part of the countrywide drive the district administration with the help of joint force, Roads and Highways (R&H) and the local pourashava demolished 100 unauthorised structures from the R&H land. A first class magistrate led the demolition drives beginning from January 28 last.

The unauthorised shops on R&H land in front of Mathabhanga bridge and other parts of the town have been demolished. Hundreds of paupers,

who constructed huts on the R&H land at Nurnagar and Jafarpur outskirts of the town, removed their huts and took shelter on a vacant land of the proposed stadium at Jafarpur.

An influential man of the town set up a market on R&H land and built 30 shops which have been demolished.

Anwar, Ramjan, Shahabuddin, Azizul, Dudul and others constructed small shops at the en-

trance of the poura bazar paying Tk 30,000 as possession fee to some political touts and the shops were demolished.

Some 800 paupers, constructed huts on 43 bighas of Alamdanga WDB land may be evicted. About 200 slum dwellers have not yet been evicted from Chuadanga railway land.

NCTB books

The joint force led by Dipankar Biswas, Magistrate, First Class, Chuadanga raided ten book-stalls at Chuadanga and Jibannagar and recovered a huge quantity of government primary school books, supplied by the National Curriculum and Text-Book Board (NCTB) to be supplied to the students free of cost, on February 4.

The squad searched nine bookshops at Chuadanga and seized 464 BTTB books for primary schools from 'Puthyghar' and arrested the proprietor Abul Hashem Mian and his sons: Harunor Rashid Babu and Qamrul

Islam and Mohsin, an employee of the bookshops.

The joint force also searched 'Popular Library' and seized 112 photocopies of books and arrested the library owner Iqbal Hossain. The joint force raided 'Poppy Library' at Jibannagar and seized books of primary schools and arrested the library owner Shamim the same day.

Guide, note books seized

The joint force raided 'Boi Neketan', Mohammadi Library, 'Boi Mela', 'Katha Koli', 'Chatra Bandhu', 'Janata Library' of town the same day. Notebooks and various 'Guide Books' like 'Panjery', 'Jupiter', 'Jhalak', 'Ashar Alo', 'Ruposhy Bangla', 'Abishmaranyo', 'Captain', and 'Adil Objective Guide', 'Adil Madhyamik Guide' and notes of all subjects of primary and secondary levels are sold here at high prices. The teachers having secret

deals in the book business insist on the students to buy those books from the particular book shops.

The book-sellers in cooperation with the publishing companies get the front pages of the books printed showing high prices.

The books published by the National Curriculum and Text-Book Board (NCTB), 69-70 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka meant for primary school students have been supplied to the book

sellers either by some printing presses or from the officials and employees of the Primary Education Department or headmasters of the schools who received the books for distribution to the students free of cost, locals alleged.

The prices of NCTB books of different subjects from class VI to class X are too high, the guardians said.