

Outlawed party cadres regrouping in 3 dists

GOLAM MOSTAFA, Sirajganj

Outlawed party cadres have started regrouping in different remote areas including greater Chalan Beel in Sirajganj and adjoining Natore and Pabna districts.

Most of remote shoals in the three districts are safe dens of the outlawed activists, local people said.

They said once cadres of six outlawed parties like Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP), Biplobi Communist Party (BCP), New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP), Purba Banglar Communist Party (Janajuddha faction), Shramajibi Mukti Andolon and Sarbahara Party (Siraj Shikder) were active in the areas. They went into hiding following the Clean Heart Operation and peace prevailed in the areas.

At present, they started coming back in their previous dens and started their organisational activities in full swing due to lack of vigilance by the law enforcement agencies, it is alleged.

Reliable sources said, Raiganj, Tarash, Naogaon, Belkuchi,

Chowhali, Shahzadpur in Sirajganj, Singra, Gurudashpur in Natore, Bera, Ataikula, Shathia, Shujanagar, Bhanga, Athoria, Chatmohor in Pabna district are now safe havens of the outlawed activists.

During a recent visit to different areas in the three districts, local people told this correspondent outlaws stay hiding at day-time in guise of labourers, businessmen or professionals in villages while at night they come out and do their organisational activities.

Most of them are conducting robberies while others are involved in collecting illegal toll.

A businessman, on condition of anonymity, told this correspondent most of the outlaws are now busy to collecting illegal toll from different rich farmers, teachers, businessmen and other professionals. The victims are murdered for non-fulfilment of demand.

Police sources said that law enforcers are passing days in fear of attack of outlaws. Recently they attacked Bamihal outpost in Natore district.

Outlaws who were arrested

from different places as well as after killing of Ansars and arms looting at Bamihal outpost that looting of arms are their main target.

Police sources said, many police stations, outposts and camps are in bad shape and vulnerable. Of these, Tarash, Raiganj, Solonga, Enayetpur police stations, Natuarpara and Hatikumrul outpost of Sirajganj are most vulnerable.

Policemen are also suffering from manifold problems like lack of necessary logistics, inadequate manpower, crisis of sophisticated arms and ammunition including accommodation problem.

Most of police outposts are in virtually unprotected buildings. There are no strong rooms for keeping arms. Natuarpara outpost has no boundary wall for protection became vulnerable to attack by outlaws.

Besides, most of police stations and outposts are being run by Ansar personnel due to lack of sufficient policemen, sources added.



A reception was accorded to Parbatya Bhikkhu Sangha founder Rajguru Agrabangsha Mohathero by his followers at a function held at Milanpur in Khagrachhari yesterday.

DEC 8 BLAST AT NETRAKONA

'Authorities delaying charge framing'

JAHANGIR ALAM, Netrakona

Police did not submit the charge sheet of December 8 bomb blast although one and a half months passed after the incident.

An high police official of Netrakona police, seeking anonymity, told this correspondent everything is ready for submission of charge sheet but it is being delayed following an order of the higher authorities.

Eight people were killed and 50 others including 10 policemen were injured in an attack by the suicide squad of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in front of Udichi office on Azahar Road in the town on December 8.

Two cases were filed by police, one for killing and the other one under Explosives Acts. Sub-Inspector (SI) Mohammad Alauddin is the Investigation Officer (IO) of the cases. He said to this correspondent that he along with Netrakona Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Samiul

Alam went to Dhaka a few days ago to interrogate arrested JMB Majlis-e-Sura member Ataur Rahman Sunny. During interrogation, Sunny confessed his involvement with the bomb blast incident. He also confessed that he and JMB chief Abdur Rahman and Siddikur Rahman Bangla Bhai jointly sent the mission to kill the Superintendent of Police of Netrakona and other police personnel. Alauddin further told that they got important information from Sunny which will be helpful to submit charge sheet of December 8 bomb blast here.

According to Sunny's confession, two influential Jamaat leaders and four Chhatra Shibir leaders are also involved in the bomb blast.

When contacted, Netrakona OC Samiul Alam told this correspondent, 'We got sufficient information from Sunny and investigation is going on according to his statement.'

Form crisis hampers voter enlistment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Voter enlistment is being hampered in Barisal district due to crisis of registration forms, according to enumerators.

A few of them said to this correspondent they could not enlist new voters in their areas for this reason.

Meanwhile, enumerators are allegedly defying the High Court (HC) order and enlisting voters as per Chief Election Commissioner's (CEC) instruction.

'We continue to do our job in the same manner we had been doing just before the HC judgment,' enumerators said.

Barisal district Secretary of Fair

Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) Enayet Hossain Chowdhury said Md Kabir, a member of Char Hogra ward under Charmonai Union Parishad (UP) accompanied the enumerators and enrolled his supporters in the voter list. The same situation prevailed in Ward No 9,10,14,16 and 30 in the city, he alleged.

Nasima Begum, wife of Murtaza Abedin, Commissioner, Ward No 2 in Kawmia area of the city asked the FEMA observers to desist from duties, he said.

Barisal Government B M College hostel resident student had alleged that JCD cadres led by Mahmud forcibly enlisted the party

supporters.

Enumerators allegedly supplied four forms to the family members of Engineer Zakir Hossain of Public Health Engineering Department at his staff quarter in Munshir Garage under Ward No 20. But there are three voters, it has been alleged.

Abdur Rob, a rickshaw-puller and tenant of Faruk Peskar of Gorosthan Road area in the same ward said no enumerator visited his house till filing of this report.

Minor aged Liza, Suma, Mithu, Kawsar, Sumi and Shamim of Gonpara area in Ward No 30 of Kashipur union were allegedly enlisted in the voter list.

Eighteen members of a family in

Kalmegha Lodge were allegedly enlisted in the list twice.

Moreover, voters of one ward were allegedly enlisted in other wards. Many voters in Charkawa, Chandramohan, Jagua and Kashipur unions of Barisal Sadar upazila also complained that enumerators did not reach their houses as yet.

FEMA observers reported common irregularities of giving false or dual signature instead of thumb impression of illiterate voters, partial enrollment in some families and non-collection of forms.

Even many people complained enumerators came to their houses, but did not enroll their family members and left houses.

Hatibandha attains cent per cent sanitation

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'Hatibandha upazila in Lalmonirhat district has set a unique example by attaining 100 per cent sanitation coverage as well as birth registration.'

Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner M Moshleh Uddin declared this at a function held at Hatibandha SS School and College ground as the chief guest on Wednesday.

Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner (DC) M Fazlul Haque presided over the function.

Decentralised Total Sanitation Project (Dishari), a joint initiative of Plan Bangladesh, Water and

Sanitation Programme-The World Bank, Water Aid Bangladesh and Dhaka Ashania Mission provided technical support to local government bodies.

Plan Bangladesh supported the universal birth registration programme in the entire upazila.

While addressing, the chief guest said the success was possible due to concerted effort of Union Parishad (UP), upazila administration, development partners and community people.

'Cent per cent sanitation has been achieved under leadership of local government administration and active participation community people,' he said.

Among others, former Member

of Parliament Jounal Abedin Sarker, Superintendent of Police M Mejbah Uddin, Additional Deputy Commissioner Babul Chandra Roy, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Joyonto Kumer Sikder, Plan Bangladesh representative Kazi Nabiul Haque, World Bank representative Shafiq Azam Ahmed and Prof MA Sobhan of Dhaka Ashania Mission addressed.

Later, the chief guest handed over crests to UP chairmen, representatives of implementing agencies and community catalysts as a recognition to their success.

As many as 5,000 people participated in the function and expressed their determination to attain 100

per cent sanitation and birth registration in the entire district by 2008.

Gun, bullets looted

A CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Outlaws looted a licensed foreign-made gun, ammunition and Tk 20,000 from a house at a remote area in Anghoria upazila early Thursday.

Police sources said a gang of outlaws numbering 40 entered the house of Alhajj Balagattullah at Chandai village by breaking open the door at about 1:30 am and looted the gun, 20 rounds of bullets.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Office of the Executive Director, Institute of Child and Maternal Health, Matuail, Dhaka-1362. Appointment Notice. Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladeshi citizens for filling in the undermentioned vacant posts at the autonomous institution, the Institute of Child and Maternal Health, Matuail, Dhaka, under the terms and conditions mentioned.

Patients die as RMCH runs short of oxygen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

An acute shortage of oxygen has been prevailing in Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

This has resulted in death of a few patients in recent days.

Ekramunnesa, 50, of Shathirjan village under Sunderganj upazila in Gaibandha district died on Wednesday night. She was a patient of Ward No 2 and suffering from dysfunction of liver. She was admitted at about 4:00 pm.

Family members said to this correspondent she might have been survived if she was given oxygen on time. Her husband Shah Mujibor Rahman observed that internee doctors and nurses tried in vain after waiting for six hours for oxygen cylinder from the CCU.

Attendants of some critical patients are passing time in great anxiety due to this phenomenon.

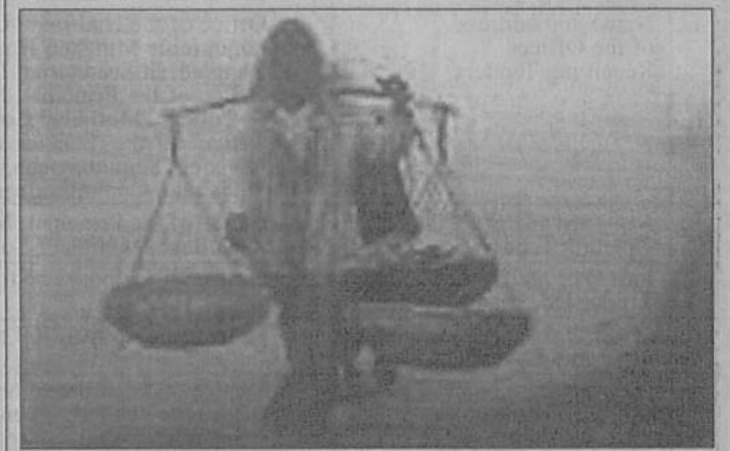
When contacted, RMCH director Shahjahan Biswas admitted the fact. He said, 'We get less oxygen cylinder than the actual need.'

He also said shortage of oxygen, becomes acute every winter as patients of asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia and cold diarrhea need life support. 'We face same situation every year,' he said.

He suggested to set up a tanker of oxygen for solving the crisis.

At present the hospital gets supply of liquid oxygen in cylinders from Dhaka.

Now oxygen cylinders are lying empty in all wards excepting CCU in the hospital, sources disclosed.



A vendor carrying goods towards a bazaar in Nilphamari town in dense fog yesterday. Cold wave paralysed life in this northern district for the last few days.

Netrakona Bar Council election held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Election to Netrakona Bar Council was held at its office here on Thursday.

Advocate Safayet Ahmed and Advocate Anwarul Islam were elected its president and secretary.

Other executives are: Advocate Emdadul Islam- Vice President, Advocate Abdul Kadir Buyan- Joint-Secretary, Advocate Khaja Monirujjaman-Assistant Secretary and Advocate Nuruddin Nayan-Library Secretary.

Members are are- Advocate Bonkash Botracharya, Advocate Abdul Kaddus, Advocate Abdul Kadir, Advocate MA Salim, Advocate Sukla Rani Guha, Advocate Mojamal Hossen Mridha, Advocate Billal Khan, Advocate Kamrujjaman Fakir and Advocate Niranjan Sarkar.

About 161 voters cast their votes in the election that lasted from 8 am to 4 pm.

LAND DISPUTE VDP man killed by UP member

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Village Defence Party (VDP) member was chopped to death by a group of armed miscreants in broad daylight Tuesday morning.

The victim is Shahjahan Sikder, 50, a VDP member of South, Mithakhali village under Mathbaria upazila in Pirojpur district.

Witnesses and family sources said Shahjahan had a longstanding land dispute with his cousin Md Yakub Ali, president of Mathbaria Sadar Union BNP Yakub is also a Union Parishad (UP) member and his neighbour.

Yakub and his accomplices forcibly harvested paddy cultivated by Shahjahan Monday night. On return from duty at 8 am on Tuesday, Shahjahan saw it and protested the act and engaged in altercation with Yakub and his men. At one stage Yakub and his men chopped him causing critical injuries.

Terms and conditions: 1. Application should reach Executive Director, Institute of Child and Maternal Health, Matuail, Dhaka-1362 by 27/01/06 by post. Application which is incomplete, incorrect or received late will be treated as cancelled. 2. Affidavit regarding the age is not acceptable. The age of candidate as of 27/01/06 should be stated by specifically mentioning year, month and day. The age limit for the wards of freedom fighter is relaxable as per government rules and regulations. 3. Age, qualifications and terms and conditions for departmental candidates are relaxable. 4. For the wards of freedom fighter/martyred freedom fighter, attested copies of certificates issued by the 'Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Kendriya Command Council' in favour of freedom fighter/martyred freedom fighter father/mother as per latest government directive should be enclosed with the application. 5. Name of the post applied for and home district must be written on the envelope of the application. 6. Following papers should be submitted with the application: (a) Name of candidate, name of father and mother, permanent and present address, educational qualification, date of birth, age, place of birth, nationality, religion, experience; (b) 1 (one) copy of nationality certificate issued by the Union Parishad Chairman/ Municipality Chairman/ Ward Commissioner of City Corporation; (c) copies (attested) of original certificate/provisional certificate of educational qualification; (d) character certificate from first class gazetted officer; (e) 3 (three) copies of attested recent passport-sized photograph; (f) certificate of experience (in applicable cases). Requisite papers must be attested by first class gazetted officer. 7. Candidates working in government, semi-government and autonomous organisations should apply through proper channel. 8. Crossed postal order of Tk 300 (three hundred) for serial Nos. 1-5, Tk 200 (two hundred) for serial Nos. 6-10, Tk 100 (one hundred) for serial Nos. 11-19 and Tk 50 (fifty) for serial Nos. 20-24 in favour of the Executive Director, Institute of Child and Maternal Health, Matuail, Dhaka should be submitted with the application. 9. The appointing authority reserves the right to accept and reject application. No objection to the decision of the authority is acceptable. 10. Only short-listed candidates from the applications received will be called to take part in the written test and viva-voce as required. 11. No TA/DA will be given to candidates for taking part in the selection test. 12. Candidates must enclose with the application a return envelope, affixed with an unused postage stamp worth Tk 6.00 (six), with the name of post and present address written on it. 13. The published number of posts may be more or less during appointment.