

PANIC GRIPS TRISHAL AHMADIYYAS

Nabuat zealots hold rallies for mosque capture on Feb 10

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

Members of the Ahmadiyya community at Dhanikhola village in Trishal upazila are passing days in panic as the International Khatme Nabuat Movement, Bangladesh (IKNMB) is campaigning in the area in favour of its programme to 'capture' the Ahmadiyya mosque in the village on February 10.

Over 200 people of the community in the village are now virtually confined to their homes, apprehending trouble on February 10. Children have stopped going to schools and elders do not move out, even for days' work, locals said yesterday.

Earlier, on January 28, advocate Monzur Anam, a leader of the

Dhanikhola Ahmadiyya community, filed a general diary (GD) with Trishal police station.

Central and local leaders of the community at a press conference here on February 3 also demanded steps by the local administration for security of their life and property.

Mymensingh Police Superintendent Abdullah Baki, the Officer-in-Charge of Trishal thana and the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), visited Dhanikhola village and Ahmadiyya mosque yesterday.

The SP assured the villagers security of their life and property and urged people of all communities in the area to keep patience and maintain peace.

Advocate Monzur Anam told this

correspondent over phone yesterday that local leaders of IKNMB are on a campaign to motivate people, specially teachers and students of madrasas in the area, to join their grand rally on February 10 morning and help them capture the mosque.

They are holding small rallies and distributing leaflets to make their programme a success, he said.

Sharifuddin Trafder, chairman of Dhanikhola Union Parishad said that any move to disturb peace in the area will be resisted.

Ahmadiyyas have been living in the village since 1964 and the mosque was built in 1965. "We live here in peace and with amity", he added.



Journalists, joined by people, brought out a procession in Barisal city yesterday demanding withdrawal of false cases against two of their colleagues and an end to repression and harassment of media men.

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PBCP outlaws kill JMJB cadre in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

A JMJB (Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh) cadre was killed by PBCP (Purbo Banglar Communist Party) outlaws at Baroihati bazaar in Bagmara Sunday night.

Omar Ali, son of Murali Pramanik of Dukholpara village was shot at point blank and slaughtered to death at around 7.30pm. The killers numbering about 10 fled away chanting slogans in favour of PBCP (Red flag) faction.

Sources said, Omar, a former member of PBCP joined JMJB at the instigation of Bangla Bhai sometime in April, 2004. He was very close to dismissed Rajshahi SP (superintendent of police) Masud Miah.

Detailed information of the incident is yet to be known.

9 chargesheeted in serial bomb blast case in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

Charges have been framed against nine accused in one of the 12 cases lodged in connection with the serial bomb blasts here on August 17, 2005, court sources said.

The chargesheeted accused are Ziaur Rahman, Abu Yusuf, Golam Morshed Chowdhury Reza, Jalal Arefin, Hafez Saiful Islam, Abu Solaiman Sujjan, Jasimuddin, Maruf and Zahid Babu. Of them Zia and Zahid Babu are absconding.

The accused include director, officials and staff of Al Ikram Social Welfare Society.

As an Investigation Officer (IO), sub-inspector (SI) of police Abdur Rab Khan submitted the charge sheet under Sections 3 and 6 of Explosives Act yesterday.

Tight security measures were taken following appearance of the accused in court.

Barisal Kotwali police Sub-inspector (SI) Mashiur Rahman was complainant of the case.

Special Tribunal Judge and First Additional Sessions and District Judge of Barisal A K M Nasiruddin Mahammad rejected the bail prayer of the seven accused present in court and ordered to send them to jail.

The judge ordered for continuation of the trial and fixed the next date of hearing on February 13.

Public Prosecutor (PP) Ferdous Alam appeared on behalf of the state while Advocate Mokhesur Rahman, Advocate Giasuddin Kabul and Advocate Kazi Munir pleaded for the accused.

Barisal Kotwali police submitted charge sheet against 13 accused including the aforesaid 7 persons in 12 cases lodged in connection with the serial blasts at 18 spots in the city.

Three to die, four get life for killing 2 Satkhira cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Three persons were sentenced to death and four others to life term imprisonment yesterday in the sensational case for murder of two policemen of Bakal police outpost in Satkhira Sadar in February 2003.

Those sentenced to death are Raihanul Islam, son of Nazrul Islam; Abed Ali, son of Rajab Ali and Zakir Hossain son of Abdul Khaleq.

Those convicted for life are Sbhhan and Khaleq, sons of Shahar Ali; Milton, son of Kazi Golam Mostofa and Shahin, son of Sheikh Humayun Kabir. All the convicts are from Bakal village in Satkhira Sadar upazila.

The court acquitted Sadik, son of Rawshan Ali of Bakal village and Shahbar, son of Momin Gazi of Ganguia village in the Sadar

upazila as the prosecution failed to prove the charge brought against them.

The persons attacked a police patrol team on the night of February 5 and stabbed three policemen, killing constables Fazlul Haque and Motaleb on the spot and seriously injuring constable Ahad.

Habildar Ruhul Amin of Bakal police outpost filed a case. After investigation, Sadar thana OC Ruhul Islam Malleck submitted charge sheet against ten persons on April 21, 2003.

The case was then shifted to the Speedy Trial in Khulna, which sent the case back to Satkhira District Judges court.

Additional District Judge Osman Haider delivered the verdict at a crowded courtroom yesterday.

CHANPA MURDER CASE

2 convicts surrender to court in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

Two convicts in the sensational Chanpa Murder Case have surrendered to court Monday noon, court sources said.

The two convicts, Nasiruddin Jamal and Zillur Bari are brother-in-laws of the victim. Each of them was awarded seven years rigorous imprisonment (RI).

The main accused, Zahirul Alam Kamal, another brother-in-law of the victim, was sentenced to life term RI in absentia.

Immediately after their surrender, District and Sessions Judge Md Safiuddin ordered the authorities concerned to send them to prison.

Court sources said Fawzia Akter Chanpa, 26, an educated housewife and mother of a baby boy was murdered at the house of her industrialist father-in-law on

the Fakirbari Road in the city on October 18 in 1989.

During the incident, victim's husband Shahidul Alam was abroad in connection with his business.

After her murder, some human rights organisations launched agitation for punishment to the murderers.

Court sources said the District Judge Court sentenced all the three accused to life term RI. Following an appeal to High Court, two of them were acquitted of charges.

Later, a revision appeal was filed with the Supreme Court. Reviewing the lower court order, the Supreme Court maintained the order of life imprisonment of main accused Kamal and reduced punishment of Jamal and Zillur's to seven years RI.

JUBO DAL ATTACK ON SATKHIRA COLLEGE

Principal, seven teachers among 50 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

At least 50 students and teachers including the principal and some girl students of Salimpur Haji Nasir Uddin College in Kalaroa were injured in an attack yesterday, allegedly by activists of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal, youth front of ruling BNP.

The Juba Dal activists made the attack as the college authorities refused to allow a student to fill up HSC (Higher Secondary Certificate) examination forms as he failed in the test examination, campus sources said.

They said Principal Abdul Momin

and seven teachers were injured in the attack on the campus, led by Juba Dal leaders.

The injured teachers are Sanjoy Kumar, Abdus Sabur, Nurzzaman, Mozammel Haq, Rafiqul Islam, Rabiul Islam and Abdul Jabbar fiaz and Others led by Abdul Kader.

The injured teachers and students were treated at local clinics. The hoodlums also damaged the furniture in some classrooms.

On information, police rushed to the college and chased away the attackers. When contacted, principal Abdul Momin confirmed the incident.

Kalaroa thana Officer-in-Charge

Arzu Mia also confirmed the incident and said the principal has filed a case accusing Juba Dal leaders Abdul Kader, Farooq and 40 others.

The sources said local Juba Dal leaders had earlier appealed to the college authorities to allow Jahngir Hossain, a party man, to appear at the upcoming HSC examination. But the requests were turned down as he failed in the test examination.

The Jessore Education Board recently passed an order to colleges under it not to allow students failing in test examinations, the sources said.

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