

## PAHELA BAISHAKH CELEBRATED



### DIARRHOEA

450 hospitalised in Mymensingh town in 3 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Over 450 diarrhoea patients from different areas of Mymensingh town were admitted to Surjo Kanta (SK) Hospital, an infectious diseases ward of Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH), till yesterday since the disease broke out in large scale in the town on Thursday.

Sixty-eight patients were admitted yesterday. The situation at the hospital is under control and none of the patients died, said Dr Abdul Kader, in-charge of SK hospital.

Patients are getting proper treatment and there are adequate stocks of saline and other medicines, he said.

Most of the patients came from College Road, Kanchijuli, Purohit Para and Hori Kishore Roy Road areas in the town.

The doctor said the disease broke out abruptly due to contamination of drinking water.

But Azizul Haque, who supervises water supply in the town, claimed that the water supplied jointly by the municipality and Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) was not contaminated.

### 4 Hizbut Tawhid men remanded in Jhalakathi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A court in Jhalakati yesterday placed the four arrested Hizbut Tawhid activists on a five-day remand.

The four were arrested while they were distributing leaflets of Hizbut Tawhid, an Islamist militant organisation in Dasnakanda village in Jhalakati sadar upazila on Tuesday.

They are Md. Khaliur Rahman Howlader, 30, of Guthia village; Helal Howlader, 32, of Parmansha; Humam Kabir, 26, of Gazir Par and Abu Hasem, 31, of Shakrail village in Uzirpur upazila in Barisal district.

Local people caught and handed them over to Nabagram police camp.

Police produced them before the Jhalakati Sadar Upazila Magistrate Court on Wednesday, seeking seen days' remand.

Magistrate Ismail Hossain granted five days' remand for interrogation.



Jubo Mohila League, a front organisation of Awami League, brought out a silent procession in Dinajpur town yesterday protesting Kansat killings and demanding punishment to persons responsible for those.

## Probe Kansat killings, punish culprits

Protest rallies in districts demand

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The Awami League-led 14-party opposition yesterday held rallies and brought out processions in several districts protesting the killings in Kansat and demanding arrest and punishment to persons responsible for this.

They called upon the people to intensify the ongoing agitation to dislodge the government.

Our Barisal Correspondent reports: The 14-party opposition alliance brought out a silent procession in the divisional city, expressing its solidarity with the people of Kansat and demanding punishment to those responsible for the killings.

At least 24 people were killed in Kansat in last two months as they agitated for smooth power supply for irrigation.

The procession starting from Russel Square in Barisal city paraded the thoroughfares and terminated at the same venue with a rally.

The speakers said killing of people demanding power supply for irrigation is unprecedented in the country. Such incidents prove that this government wants to cling to power anyhow, regardless of people's sufferings and the national economy.

This government should be dislodged in the greater interest of the country they said and called upon the people to intensify the ongoing agitation to topple it. They demanded a judicial probe into the incident.

This government's slogans to raise production are simply bluff, they said. A Correspondent from Pabna reports: The 14-party opposition alliance brought out a silent procession in the town and held a rally yesterday as part its country-wide agitation programme to protest the Kansat killings.

The processionists wore black badges and carried black flags. Our RU Correspondent reports: Student fronts of different political parties held rallies and brought out processions on Rajshahi University campus yesterday protesting the Kansat killings.

Frogotishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ) held its rally in front of the Central Library, where speakers said this government killed people for demanding power for irrigation. This shows the he alliance government has taken recourse to repression to cling to power anyhow, they said.

It has not yet formed any committee to probe the matter, they said. PCJ leaders demanded immediate arrest and punishment to the killers.

The PCJ also expressed its solidarity with the people of Kansat and their 14-point demand including uninterrupted power supply.

The rally was followed by a procession on the campus.

The RU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at its rally in front of the central library premises said the BNP-Jamaat government has no moral right to cling to power after killing farmers for demanding power supply.

They also alleged that Rajshahi Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu local lawmaker and the leaders of BNP and Jamaat are responsible for the Kansat incident.

They also demanded compensation of the victims' families.

Rajshahi city units of Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Chhatra

### 20 injured in clashes ahead of Galachipa poura polls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

At least 20 people were injured as supporters of BNP and Awami League (AL) clashed in Galachipa under Patuakhali district Friday night and early Saturday.

The clashes took place ahead of today's Galachipa Poursabha election.

Witnesses said, 11 people were injured in Kala Bagan area of the town when the workers of BNP backed chairman candidate Sohrab Hossain attacked the workers of AL nominated chairman candidate Wahab Khalifa Friday night.

In another incident early Saturday, nine people were injured when the supporters of Sohrab attacked the workers of incumbent chairman and BNP rebel candidate Abu Taleb Mia.

### Drilling of well 5 in Kailashtila begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Drilling of well no. 5 in Kailashtila Gas Field under state run Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL) will begin today.

State run Bapex will drill the well, official sources said.

It will take 90 days to complete the 'directional drilling' of the well up to an approximate depth of 10,700 feet, an official of SGFL said.

After drilling the well No. 5, SGFL will go for drilling well No. 6, the source added.

## Hired goons fire shots, hurl bombs to evict landless

Alleged bid to grab govt land in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

to go to their houses at about 9-30 am.

At least 20 people were injured in clashes as a gang of hired goons evicted over 400 landless people from government lands in Bairagirchak and Chingrikhali villages in Kaligonj upazila by firing shots and blasting bombs early morning yesterday.

During the swoop, the musclemen damaged houses and looted goods of the landless people, police said.

Of the injured, at least six have been admitted to Kaliganj and Sakhipur hospitals in Debhata upazila. The are Mannan, Gafoor, Razzak, Shimul, Bari and Ohab, suffering injury either from bullet or bomb blast, hospital sources said.

Quoting the landless people, police said, a gang of miscreants allegedly led by Ashraf Mir, Mani Sardar and Saheb equipped with firearms and bombs attacked the landless people at about 4 am when all were asleep.

They blasted 12 bombs to create panic and evicted the landless families who were residing in the government lands for long.

The evicted people again came under attack while they were trying

This time, the miscreants fired at least 56 shots and hurled more 32 bombs, leaving at least 20 people injured, said Abdul Bari, a leader of the landless people.

The evicted people are now under the open sky on embankments.

Police rushed there and brought the situation under control. A tense situation is prevailing there, police said.

Three of the evicted people--Fazlur Rahman, Khokon and Rahima Khatuntold this correspondent that the gang had long been trying to evict them to grab the government lands.

They demanded arrested and punishment to the hoodlums and urged the local authorities to take steps for their rehabilitation.

On contact, Kaligonj thana Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ansar Ali confirmed the incident and said action will be taken after investigation.

Abdur Rashid, a leader of the landless people in Satkhira said they are preparing to file a case.