

## Housewife's body exhumed after 3 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

The body of housewife Shrabonti Khatun was exhumed yesterday following a court order after over three months of her burial at Dorgapara graveyard in Shahzadpur Poursava in Sirajganj district.

The body was exhumed in presence of first class magistrate Md Mahbubur Rahman Patowari and Ashrafur Islam and Officer-in-Charge of Shahzadpur police station.

The OC was the investigation officer (IO) of the case filed by the victim's family earlier alleging that she was murdered by her husband.

The body was sent to Sirajganj General Hospital morgue for a fresh autopsy. The autopsy report will be submitted to authorities concerned in a few days, said Dr Abdul Awal, RMO, of the hospital.

Shrabonti Khatun, 20, was married to Fazale Rabbi, 22, of Andar Kotapara village in the district on November 29, 2003.

In the case Shrabonti's father Ayub Ali of Mahmupur in Sirajganj town alleged that her daughter was murdered by her husband for dowry.

Fazale Rabbi took her to Adar Kotapara village on November 12 to celebrate Eid. She was strangled there two days later, the complainant alleged.

After her death, Shrabonti's in-laws claimed that she committed suicide.

Meanwhile, several hundred people brought out a procession in Shahzadpur town and laid a siege to the police station yesterday demanding arrest and punishment to the killers.

## Attack on jatra, NGO office in Delduar to be re-investigated

Police seek court order after Sunny confesses to JMB involvement

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Delduar police have submitted a prayer for re-investigation into the bomb attack on a jatra, burglary at a local NGO office and murder of a medicine trader there following the recent confessions by Aaur Rahman Sunny, 'operations commander' of banned Islamist militant organisation Jama'ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

Police had earlier submitted final reports in the three cases.

Sunny, younger brother of JMB chief Shaikh Abdur Rahman, during quizzing by a joint interrogation cell (JIC) in Dhaka confessed to JMB's involvement in the three incidents.

After his confessions regarding Delduar incidents, the JIC called a sub-inspector from the police station and handed over to him a written copy of the statement.

"Now that we have got Sunny's confession regarding JMB's involvement in Delduar incidents, we will re-investigate those", OC of Delduar police station Nazrul Islam told this correspondent on Saturday. The copy of Sunny's confession reached the police station a few days back.

The OC said they have prayed before a First Class Magistrate court in Tangail for re-investigation of the cases.

"We will start re-investigation as

soon as the court gives order", he said.

"We are preparing papers to take Sunny on remand for quizzing", the OC said.

During interrogation by JIC in Dhaka, Sunny confessed to his involvement in the murder of medicine trader Monirul Islam Sagar in Delduar Sadar upazila on April 28, 2004; bomb attack on a jatra in Tookchandpur village on January 8 last year and robbery at Ananda NGO office at Bhurbhuria village. He also admitted his involvement in several other bomb blasts in Delduar upazila.

According to Sunny's confession, Sagar was slaughtered near

Delduar police station at around 8 pm and the killers escaped by blasting two bombs.

Sunny also admitted that he along with JMB cadre Shakil Ahmed alias Mollah Omar hurled two bomb on the jatra to stop it. Molla Omar was killed by Rab in Comilla recently.

Sunny also admitted that the dacoity at the NGO office was committed at his directive to stop activities of all NGOs in the country.

Besides, he disclosed important information about several crime incidents including robbery, which took place in Delduar before August 17 last year.



Udichi members (left) and activists of 14-party opposition alliance formed a human chain in Netrakona town yesterday demanding capital punishment to perpetrators of the bomb attack on Udichi office on December 8 last year.

## NETRAKONA BOMB BLASTS

### Dilly-dally in submitting charge sheet alleged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Udichi Shilpa Goshti in Netrakona, joined by leaders and activists of 14-party opposition alliance, formed a human chain in the town yesterday demanding punishment to killers of eight people including Udichi leaders Kawja Haider and Sudipta Pual Shali in the December 8 bomb blasts.

After the human chain, leaders of the alliance at a press conference at the district Awami League office alleged that police have adopted a dilly-dally tactics in submitting the charge sheet of the

case and trying to save the killers by implicating innocent people.

Netrakona district AL president Samsujjaha, secretary Ashraf Ali Khan Kasru, join secretary Nur Khan Mitu addressed the press conference, attended by local Udichi leaders.

They said police could not make any headway in the investigation four and a half months after the incident as they are trying to save the killers.

They demanded arrest of the real culprits and submission of the charge sheet. Police sources said they have so far arrested four

persons in connection with blasts.

The political leaders claimed that police did not arrest any cadre of Jamaatul Mujahideen, Bangladesh (JMB) though it was involved in the gruesome incident.

Netrakona has become a safe haven for JMB members due to inaction by police, they alleged. JMB organised itself under the protection of Jamaat-e-Islami, a partner in the ruling coalition, they claimed.

The also demanded adequate compensation for the victims' families from the government.



Waste being dumped near a clinic along the Sher-e-Bangla Girls School in Patuakhali town as the pourasabha has no dumping site.

### A pourasabha without a waste dumping site

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Although listed on grade one, Patuakhali pourasabha has no dumping site to dispose of waste collected from the town. Pourasabha trucks are dumping waste here and there at random, polluting the environment, townpeople said, complaining about bad odor and pollutants.

Patuakhali Pourasabha was set up in 1892. Two garbage trucks of the pourasabha collect waste from different areas of the town and dispose them of on roadsides and wetlands; and even on open spaces in the town, they alleged.

This correspondent recently saw a municipal truck dumping garbage near a private clinic along the Sher-e-Bangla Girls School road in the town.

"We are very much offended as this is polluting environment and spreading disease in the area", Jahangir, a local resident said.

When contacted, Pourasabha Conservancy Inspector Nazrul Islam said, "We dump waste in different places in the town as we have no dumping site."

"Many in the town often ask us to dump waste in their wetlands and low lying areas. We dump waste there", he added. He however claimed that they never dump waste in any areas forcibly.

Mostaq Ahmed, Chairman of Patuakhali Pourasabha, said, "We submitted a proposal to the local government ministry in 2003 for a three-acre permanent dumping site in Joinkathi area but this is yet to be approved."

### 25 hurt in AL-BNP clash in Golachipa 144 clamped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

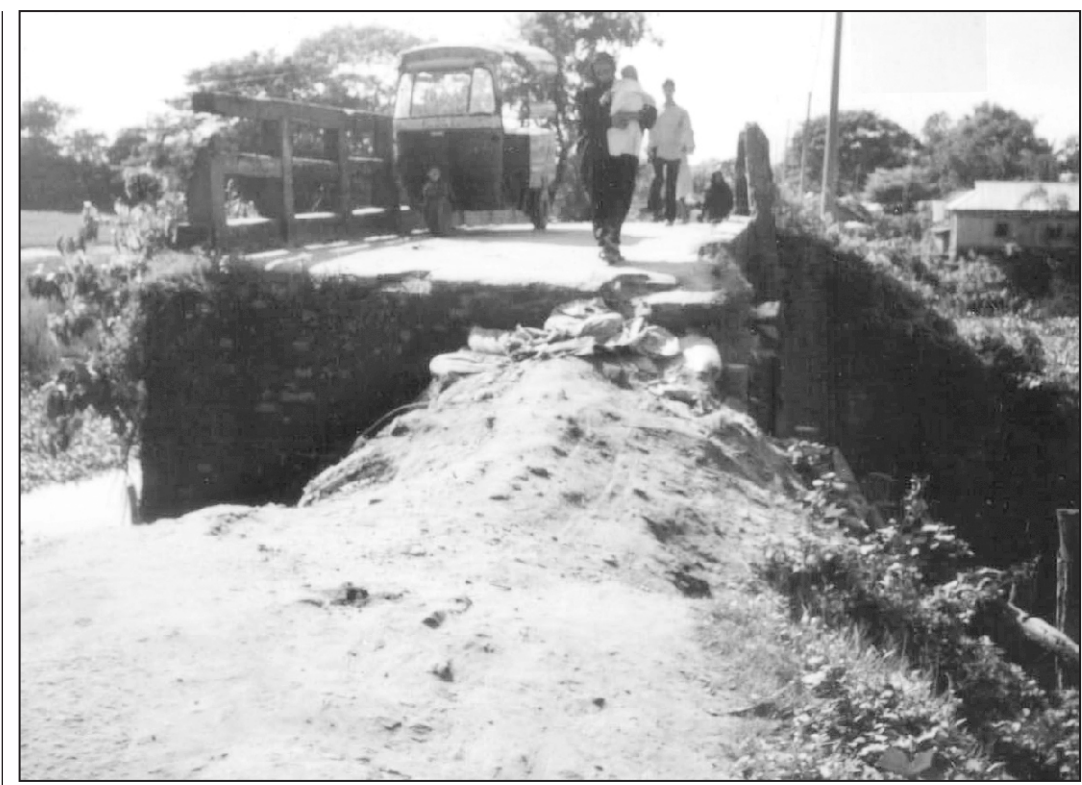
At least 25 people including a former lawmaker were injured in a clash between ruling BNP and Awami League (AL) at Char Chandrail village in Golachipa upazila in the district yesterday.

The upazila administration imposed Section 144 at Galachipa town for an indefinite period from 4 pm yesterday.

At least 10 shops, 25 houses of rivals and the local BNP office were damaged during the clashes.

Police and locals said, the clashes took place over submission of nomination paper for election to the post of governing body member of Char Chandrail High School in the area. Local leaders of BNP and Awami League are trying to capture the posts, sources said.

Additional police have been deployed.



One of the 10 bridges on the Brahmanbaria-Lalpur road that links 10 unions with the district headquarters.

## Left parties' possible link with outlaws being probed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Investigation has been started to find whether any left political party has link with any underground party in the south-western region of the country.

According to sources at Khulna Police Superintendent's office, Special Branch police in all the 10 districts in the region have started making lists of top leaders of left political parties and underground organisations.

This followed a directive from the home ministry to prepare a 'correct report' on activities and backgrounds of top leaders of left political parties in the region.

Police Superintendents in all the districts have received letters from the Special Branch of police headquarters in Dhaka, asking them to send reports in this regard by April 30.

Besides, Special Branch police in each district is also making a

separate list of 'political godfathers' of four underground organisations Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBC-Janajuddho), PBCP (M-L), New Biplobi Communist Party and Chinnomul Communist Party, intelligence sources said.

The sources said they have information that fugitive extremists are maintaining links with their godfathers for financial backing to get their detained leaders released.

Founder of PBCP (Janajuddho) Abdur Rashid Malitha alias dada tapan and leader of New Biplobi Communist Party Shailen Biswas held a secret meeting early this month in a shrimp enclosure at Shovna in Dumuria upazila in Khulna. A dozen cadres of the parties attended the meeting.

The sources said PBCP (Janajuddho) wants an alliance of four major outlawed parties to take revenge of killing of outlaws in crossfire.

## Death traps on a road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

The Brahmanbaria-Lalpur road has turned into a death trap as it is unfit for vehicular movement.

The 15 kilometre road in the sadar upazila is the only link for over five lakh people of 10 unions of Lalpur to go to the district headquarters.

The road is rugged, dotted with numerous cracks, holes and ditches, caused by the flood. The brick-soling has been washed away.

There are 10 RCC bridges on the road. Five of them are unfit use by vehicles as earth has been washed away from both sides.

When contacted, Atraur Rahman, Executive Engineer of Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED), said the work for repair of the road has been handed over to the Roads and Highways (R&H) department after Prime Minister Khaleda Zia during her visit to the district in February promised for its reconstruction. LGED can not reconstruct such a road which will involve a huge amount, he said.

Other sources however said a budget of Tk 4.5 crore has been prepared and tender floated for its reconstruction. The work may start as soon as work order is given, they said.

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