

JCD ACTIVIST MURDER  
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STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

BNP leaders at a rally in Biswanath yesterday demanded arrest and punishment of the killers of JCD leader Foyez Ahmed Anu.

Any was killed in a clash between activists of Awami League and BNP on Sunday.

The rally was held before Anu's Namaj-e-Janaja, which was followed by a mourning procession at the upazila headquarters.

The body was later buried at his family graveyard.

Giving a 3-day deadline, the BNP leaders also announced an agitation programme from today to press the demand. It includes, protest rallies at all upazilas in Sylhet today, condolence meetings and mourning processions tomorrow and prayers for the departed soul on Thursday.

Biswanath upazila BNP senior vice-president Abdul Khaliq Master chaired the rally, also addressed by former Ilyas Ali.

Ilyas alleged at the rally that Awami League leader Muhibur Rahman is responsible for the attack on BNP and JCD men on Sunday. But Muhibur Rahman alleged that BNP men opened fire on AL activists in the truck procession.

Meanwhile, Anu's father Mokoddus Ali filed as case accusing 29 people. AL leader Muhibur Rahman is the prime accused.

SATKHIRA-4 CONSTITUENCY

## BJP feels 'betrayed' as BNP candidate files nomination

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The feud between alliance partners BNP and BJP (Nazir) in Satkhira-4 (Kaligonj-Debhata) constituency intensified after a BNP aspirant sought nomination for the Jatiya Sangsad seat, won by BJP in last election.

BNP leader Dr. Shahidul Alam, central vice-president of Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB), yesterday submitted nomination paper for 4-party ticket. He will face interview on December 6.

Though seat sharing among the allies has not been finalised, BNP did not sell nomination papers for seats kept for its allies in the coming election.

Submission of nomination paper by Dr. Shahidul Alam animated BNP rank and file in the constituency, some front ranking party leaders in the district told this correspondent yesterday evening.

As BNP high command allowed him (Dr. Shahidul Alam) to submit



Kazi Alauddin

nomination paper, Dr. Alam may get alliance ticket this time, they noted happily.

On the other hand, this created a commotion among BJP leaders and workers. BJP leader Kazi Alauddin won from Satkhira-4 in 2001 election.

Many BJP leaders said fielding a BNP man in the constituency would amount to 'betrayal' as alliance leaders had earlier 'confirmed' Kazi Alauddin's nomination



Dr. Shahidul Alam

from Satkhira-4.

Talking to this correspondent, some BNP leaders said the party was compelled to sell nomination paper to Dr. Shahidul Alam as a large number of local BNP leaders and activists were opposing nomination of a BJP man from the area.

They were demanding a BNP candidate and vowed to resist BJP, allegedly because the former BJP lawmaker (Kazi Alauddin) ignored them in last five years, the BNP leaders said seeking anonymity.

Some dedicated BNP leaders were aggrieved after the alliance ticket went to BJP in last election and they had decided either to field a party leader as an independent candidate or leave the party, they said.

When contacted over cell-phone yesterday, Dr. Shahidul Alam said he purchased nomination paper due to pressure from local party men. A large section of BNP leaders and activists who were ignored by former BJP lawmaker Kazi Alauddin are demanding nomination of a party man, he said.

Dr. Shahidul Alam sought alliance ticket in last election but was denied. He has already launched campaign.

"As there is no organisation of BJP in the constituency, the party will not be a factor for BNP in the coming election", Dr. Shahidul Alam said.

Noor Mohammad, a senior BNP leader in Kaligonj, said, "BJP leader Kazi Alauddin, if nominated again, would not be able to retain the seat as most BNP men oppose him as he allegedly favoured Jamaat-e-Islami men causing division of the alliance in the area."

**KHULNA-3**  
Lobi's men lobby for Tayebur, rival demands ouster from BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Leaders of Ali Asghar Lobi faction of Khulna BNP have demanded 4-party alliance nomination for city Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman from Khulna-3 constituency in coming election instead of former Whip Ashraf Hossain.

In a joint statement, BNP leaders and Khulna City Corporation ward commissioners Kazi Rashed, Shaikh Gausul Azam, Shaikh Hafizur Rahman and Moniruzzaman Mamun, member-secretary of Khulna city BNP convening committee Shahruzzaman Martuza and Jubo Dal leaders Manzur Hasan Apu and Nazmul Huda Sagor demanded alliance ticket for the Mayor and expulsion of former whip Ashraf Hossain from BNP.

They alleged that Ashraf Hossain had cast personal aspersions on BNP senior joint secretary Tarique Rahman. He has no right to get nomination for his alleged involvement in anti-party activities, said the BNP leaders loyal to the Mayor. Ashraf Hossain is not a man from Khulna, they said in the joint statement. Ashraf Hossain hails from Comilla.

On the other hand, the faction led by former lawmaker Nurul Islam has demanded expulsion of Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman from BNP as he threatened to quit the party if he is not nominated for Khulna-3 in the coming election. Tayebur made the threat at a press conference in Dhaka on Sunday.

Meanwhile, former general secretary of Khulna city BNP Nazrul Islam Manju belonging to the Nurul Islam faction yesterday alleged that Mayor Tayebur is 'in fact blackmailing BNP chairperson by giving threats to quit the party. He (Tayebur) had also threatened to quit BNP after he was denied nomination from Khulna-3 in 2001 election, Nazrul Islam said.

Hartal observed in Jhenidah

A CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A half-day hartal was observed here yesterday protesting killing of district Juba Dal organising secretary Haider Ali Hadu who was killed by criminals Friday night.

Four-party Alliance enforced the hartal. All shops and business establishments remained closed during hartal hours. No vehicle plied as picketers blocked the roads since morning.

A procession was brought out at about 11 am. Processionists paraded the main streets of the town chanting slogans in support of their demand. Later, a meeting was held at the Post Office intersection. Juba Dal president Zahiduzzaman Mona chaired the meeting.

Speakers threatened a tougher agitation if the administration fails to arrest the killers without delay.

Among others, Jhenidah Pourasabha chairman Abdul Malek, Juba Dal leaders M A Majid, Kamal Azad Pannu, addressed the meeting.



Some of the houses belonging to alleged abductors torched and looted by angry villagers at Tekpara in Hossainpur upazila in Kishoreganj district yesterday. (Story on page 16)

## FFs oppose Mehedi in Kushtia-4

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Kumarkhali municipal unit of Muktijoddha Sangsad has urged BNP high command not to nominate immediate past lawmaker

Syed Mehedi Ahmed Rumi from Kushtia-4 constituency again in the coming election.

Mehedi has submitted nomination paper to the party for nomination from the constituency.

Sangsad leaders at a press conference Sunday evening termed Mehedi Rumi a "failed and incompetent public representative" and said, "He did nothing for devel-

opment in the area and for freedom fighters in last ten years." Mehedi was elected from the constituency in last two elections.

The Sangsad leaders in a written statement at the press conference claimed that no freedom fighter will campaign for Mehedi if he is nominated as he 'divided freedom fighters into two groups' in the area.

Kumarkhali Muktijoddha Sangsad commander Shamsul Alam Pitnu read out the statement.

Freedom fighters Abu Sattar, Abdur Razzak, Wahed Panna, Habibur Rahman, Mizanur

Rahman, Ali Akbar, Atiar Rahman and Sohrab Uddin Master also spoke at the press conference.

According to party insiders, BNP is dogged by intra-party feud in Kushtia-4 constituency.

Earlier, Nurul Islam Ansar Pramanik, chairman of Kumarkhali municipality and president of municipal BNP unit, urged the party high command not to nominate Mehedi in the coming election.

Ansar, who submitted nomination paper, launched campaign long ago.

BNP is divided into two factions in the area—one led by Nurul Islam

Ansar and the other by Kumarkhali BNP president Anwar Hossain Bakul. Bakul is loyal to Mehedi Rumi, party sources said.

When contacted earlier, Mehedi had claimed that he implemented a lot of development projects in his constituency during his tenure.

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Asked about the freedom fighters' allegations, he said, "They are not real freedom fighters". "They are men of Ansar", he added.

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