

Triangular fight likely in most constituencies

Polls campaign gaining momentum in dists

From Our Correspondent

Khulna

With only eleven days left for parliamentary elections on June 12, it is increasing becoming evident that all political parties are gearing up their campaign in all the six constituencies of the district. The campaign is gradually gaining momentum as all the candidates are holding meetings and rallies.

A total of 10 candidates including the Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina Wazed are contesting from Khulna-1 seat comprising Batiaghata and Dakop thanas.

Political circles believe that the fight for the seat may take place between the AL chief and the CPD candidate Achintya Biswas. Sheikh Hasina is contesting from here to settle the quarrel between the two local Awami Leaders, former MP Horunur Rashid and Batiaghata thana AL president Babu Panchnon Biswas.

In Khulna-2 constituency (Sadar and Sonadanga thana) a total of seven candidates including Jatiya Sangsad speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali are contesting. The JS Speaker has an advantage over his main rival advocate Manzurul Imam of Awami League.

The main contest in Khulna-3 comprising Khalishpur, Daulatpur and a part of Khanjahan Ali thana is expected to take place between BNP nominee and former Whip Ashraf Hossain and Awami League candidate Kazi Sikandar Ali Dalim.

In Khulna-4 (Rupsha, Digdhila and Terokhada) Awami League Candidate Mostafa Rashidi Shuja who won in the 1991 polls hopes to win in June 12 elections against his main rival BNP candidate M. Nurul Islam and Advocate Mominuddin Ahmed.

In Khulna-5 constituency comprising Phulata and Dumura thanas Salahuddin Yusuf of Awami League will be contested by two men professor Majdul Islam of BNP and former JP government minister H.M.A Gaffar.

Rab, Abdul Wadud Independent. Moulna Mohammad Ali (Islami Oikya Jote). Thirteen candidates are contesting from this seat. They are Prof Shaidul Islam, BNP, Mahbulul Alam Hanif AL, Mozibul Huq AL, Ahsan Habib Lincon, JP, Abdul Wadud Jamaat, Hananul Huq Inu (JSD Inu), Prof Abdul Jabbar (7th Party Alliance), Prof Serajul Islam, Freedom Party, Abdul Rashid, Jatiya League, Marfat Ali Master, BNP, Saïdur Rahman, Zaker Party, Khaled Hossain, Independent. In this seat two BNP and two Awami League candidates are contesting. As a result chance of Jamaat and Jatiya candidates to win the seat looks brighter.

Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 1: With the withdrawal of 17 candidates in four seats of Kushtia district election contest has now been confined to 38 candidates. Door to door election campaign in all the constituencies of the district has already started.

A large number of posters, leaflets, handbills carrying the picture of the candidates and their election symbols are being displayed in different areas of the constituencies concerned.

All the candidates accompanied by the leaders and activists are seeking the blessings of the general people to win the election by visiting the houses of voters with promise of dedicating their efforts for the cause of development of the area and well being of the downtrodden people. The supporters of the candidates are also holding meetings, bringing out processions and talking to the voters to muster their support.

However, total electioneering this time has become different than that of the previous one with the introduction of election Code of Conduct for the candidates. The multi-colour posters are absent while the size of posters has also been reduced.

In Kushtia-1 constituency consisting of Daulatpur thana nine candidates filed nominations. Abdul Khaled of Freedom Party, however, withdrew his candidature. Now eight candidates are contesting in the seat. They are Ahsanul Huq Mollah BNP, Afazuddin AL, Korban Ali JP, Prof. Nur Kutubul Alam Jamaat, Advocate Yakub Ali (JSD Rab), Kamal Hossain Zaker Party, Matiar Rahman Independent, Kazi Aref Ahmed (JSD Inu). In this seat main contest will be among BNP, AL and JP.

In Kushtia-2 constituency, consisting of Bheramara and Mirpur, 18 persons filed nominations and 5 have withdrawn from the race. Those who withdrew are, former BNP MP Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, Group Captain (Retd) Nazrul Islam BNP, Abdullah (JSD

Organisational activities of BNP was also noticed to be weak during its rule from 1991 to early part of 1996 as the leaders and workers of BNP was busy in different meetings and programmes taken up by the administration. M Saifur Rahman, though, a policy maker of the central body of BNP, failed to establish image of as a politician. In the locality — said a senior lawyer of the town. But, according to him — without any doubt, Rahman is now a popular personality in Moulvibazar. This performance has been gained from his personal image not from the politics, he added.

However, the overall situation of the district indicates — of the total four constituencies, Awami League (AL) may perform better this time in three seats and BNP in one seat. In one seat a triangular fight among the AL, BNP and JP candidates is expected. A neck and neck fight between AL and JP nominees in two seats and between AL and BNP in one seat is also expected.

During the last Parliament election (1991), AL became target of all the parties including the rightists and leftists. This time BNP has been suffering from the same pain as all the political parties are reportedly working against BNP nominees — it is learnt from different areas of the district.

A total of 34 candidates including three Independent and one woman candidate are contesting in 4 constituencies. Of them 7 candidates are in the battle in Moulvibazar-1 (Baralekha thana), 10 are in Moulvibazar-2 (Kulaura thana), 10 in Moulvibazar-3 (Sadar and Rajnagar thanas) and 7 candidates are contesting in Moulvibazar-4 (Srimongal and Kamalganj).

Some national level politicians are contesting from the district this time. They include — former Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman of BNP (M. bazar-3) former whip of the Opposition in 5th Parliament, Azizur Rahman of AL (M. bazar-3), president of Bangladesh Muslim League Alhaj ANM Yousuf (M. bazar-1 and 2 ex-President of Bangladesh Chhatra League and former VP of DUCSU Sultan Mohammed Monsur Ahmed of AL (M. bazar-2) and President of Ershad Shishu Kishore Sangathan, Nilufar Zaman Neela Chowdhury (as Independent from M bazar-3).

It is reported that, internal strife are prevailing in the AL and BNP in Moulvibazar-1 seat and in JP at Moulvibazar-3 seat. Election result will be influenced due to this situation it is gathered.

However, latest situation of 4 Constituencies of the district are stated as follows:

Moulvibazar-1 (Baralekha Thana): Number of total voters — 1,07,421 of them 57,275 are male and 50,146 are female voters. A total of 56 Polling Stations will be set up in this constituency for June-12 election.

Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury of BNP, Shahab Uddin Ahmed of AL and Brig. (Retd) Masuk

Chowdhury of JP are the main contestants in this seat.

Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury was a man of JP and was elected MP from JP ticket in the 4th (1988) and 5th (1991) Parliament, Chowdhury joined BNP Politics from JP in 1994. Later his membership as a MP was cancelled by the Election Commission on the allegation of floor crossing. Now Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury is in the race from BNP.

Shahabuddin Ahmed is a young Awami League. He is also the Chairman of Baralekha Union Parishad. For the first time he is contesting in JS polls.

Brig. (Retd) Masuk Chowdhury joined BNP after his retirement from the Army service. Only few months back, he changed the party and joined JP as he failed to obtain BNP ticket. He has been honoured by JP and nominated him to fight for the seat.

Other candidates in this Constituency are Md Abdul Malik (Jamaat), Abdus Shahid (Independent), Alhaj A N M Yousuf (Muslim League) and Husam Uddin Chowdhury (Talamiz-E-Islamia).

In the 5th Parliament election (1991), Jatiya Party Candidate (Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury) elected M P. He got 27,930 votes while AL nominee (This man not contesting this time) got 27,556 votes and BNP nominee (He also stayed off the contest) got 11,230 votes.

It is reported that — serious internal strife has been prevailing in both the AL and BNP. Selection of candidates by both the parties make controversy among the party men. As a result, powerful sections of BNP and AL are playing silent role in the election campaign. Former MP and Upazila Chairman Sirajul Islam who is also the Chief of Baralekha Thana AL and Asad Uddin Batal, another ex-Upazila Chairman and president of Baralekha thana BNP are reportedly not participating from their respective parties.

Triangular fight may take place for this seat among the AL, BNP and JP candidates.

Moulvibazar-2 (Kulaura thana): Number of total voters — 1,27,035. Of them 88,241 are male and 88,794 are female voters. Polling Stations for June-12 election are 81.

Nawab Ali Abbas Khan, a lawyer by profession was elected MP in 4th (1988) and 5th (1991) Parliament from JP ticket.

This time, they are contesting again against each other. According to observers BNP has nominated a weak candidate in this seat who will not be able to play important role in the battle. Md. Shaifur Rahman is the BNP nominee. He is the chairman of Kalapur Union parishad under Srimongal thana. The father of BNP nominee here is a well known saint Most of the votes of the BNP nominee will come from the Murids' or followers of his father.

Other candidates in this Constituency are — Ram Kant Singh (Independent), Advocate Shamsuzzaman (Jaker Party), Abdul Goni Tarafdar (Jamaat), Abdur Rashid Chowdhury (Gono-forum).

According to general voters AL candidate has a brighter chance this time.

AL nominee is a college teacher and JP nominee is a businessman. This two are main contestants.

Erratic power supply in Manikganj

From Our Correspondent

MANIKGANJ, June 1: Frequent power failure has been causing much troubles to the domestic and industrial consumers in the district for the last few months.

Electricity supply in Manikganj town remains suspended for two to ten hours everyday since the start of severe load-shedding.

The load-shedding is taking place reportedly without any prior notice to the consumers everyday. The election candidates and the students are suffering much. The erratic supply system of electricity in Manikganj town has been continuing for over three months. There is no time schedule of power distribution.

The production in the local mills and factories have reduced to a great extent. The patients of the local hospital are the worst sufferers. There is no separate electricity supply arrangements in the hospital.

Moreover, hundreds of applications for new power connection in domestic and industrial unit has been pending in the Manikganj divisional office for a long time for approval.

Cattle diseases break out in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 1: At least three lakh cattle have been affected by food and mouth disease and ten lakh goats were affected by pest paddy's ruminants disease in all six thanas of the district.

According to sources cattle diseases have turned epidemic in all villages of Jhenidah Sadar, Saikupa, Harinakundu, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Moshespur thanas.

When contacted district livestock department authorities admitted the fact and said that usually they are supplied with only 6000 doses of preventive medicines out of required 10 lakh doses.

They said that there are only 24 vaccinators in the district. As a result, they are not in a position to meet the demand.

Authorities also admitted that about 10 lakh goats were affected by the disease in all six thanas and thousands of goats died during last five months. Sources said, the supply of medicine are also inadequate.

Villagers told this correspondent that the medicine are not available in the market. Further the price is higher than the fixed rate, they alleged.



SHERPUR: Local Rotary Club arranged an eye-camp here recently in which 1500 patients were treated. — Star photo

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PWD Division, Patuakhali

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- Name of work: Providing and fixing LT Overhead distribution line in the THC Dumki Hospital Bldg at Patuakhali.
- Estimated cost: Tk 1,73,535/-
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Training course on mass education

NARSINGDI, June 1: A three-day training course for the teachers of Mosque based children mass education concluded at the Thana Parisad auditorium in Shibpur on Thursday, reports UNB.

Islamic Foundation (IF) organised the training, inaugurated by Deputy commissioner M Baqul Islam as chief guest on Tuesday.

Presided over by Deputy Director of IF Lutfur Rahman Sarcar, the function was addressed, among others, by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Ikram Ahmed, TNO M Sirajul Islam, UP Chairmen A Mannan Jakaria and A Sattar.

Under the mass education programme, 1,650 teachers at 25 centres in Shibpur, Monohardi and Sadar thanas are being given training during the current year.

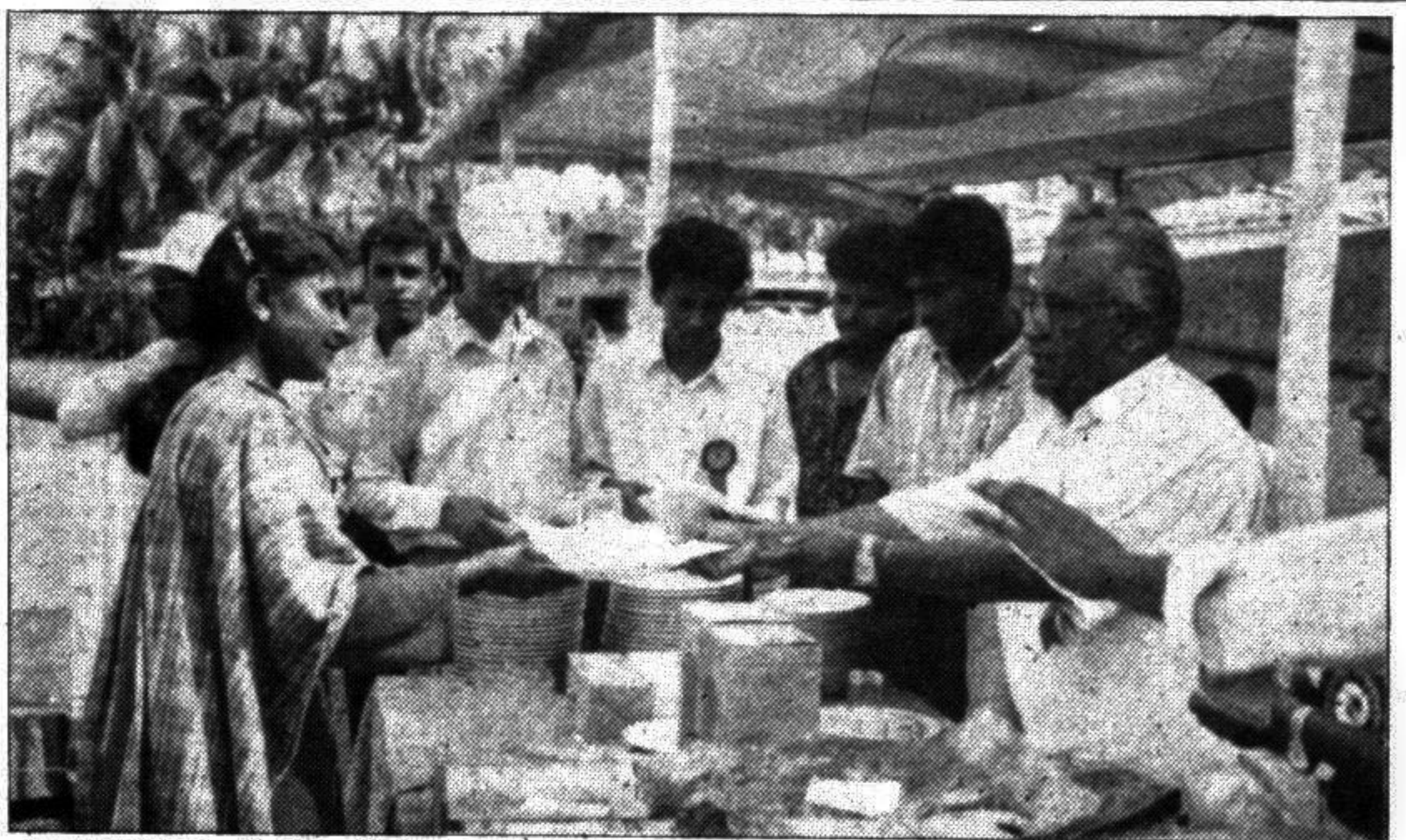
Jamaat to solve unemployment problem: Azam

CHANDPUR, June 1: Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Prof Golam Azam said his party, if voted to power, will undertake massive programmes to solve the country's unemployment problem, reports UNB.

He was addressing a rally at Chandpur Hasan Ali High School ground in the afternoon.

Criticising the previous governments of the three political parties, Ghulam Azam said crores of taka were brought to the country from donors during the last 25 years, but the money was spent for so-called modernisation instead of real development of the country.

Earlier, Ghulam Azam addressed two rallies at Hajiganj and Motlab New Hostel ground.



CHANDPUR: Matur Rahman, Principal of Chandpur Government College distributing prizes at the annual sports competition of the college recently. — Star photo

Education Week observed in dists

From Our Correspondent

MANIKGANJ, June 1: The National Education Week '96 at the district level concluded here recently.

A seminar on the "Development of female education" was held in the local town hall in the afternoon on the concluding day.

Md Abdur Razzaque, the Deputy Commissioner of Manikganj was present as the chief guest in the seminar. Presided over by Md Heydetyullah Al Mamun, ADC (general), the seminar was attended by head of the educational institution of the town and officers, while Md Ataharul Islam, ADM, Manikganj, was the special guest at the seminar.

The chief guest distributed prizes among the best teachers, the best educational institutions and the winners of the literary and cultural competitions in the district.

The National Education Week was observed in Chuadanga in a befitting manner recently. In connection with the ob-

servance of the week, a day-long colourful programme was chalked out by the local education department.

The Deputy Commissioner of Chuadanga Mr Raiful Islam who was present on the occasion as the chief guest formally opened the education week at local Sree-Monto Town Hall.

Mousufa Begum, district education officer, Chuadanga, presided over the function. Shahjamaal Raf, SP, Chuadanga, and Prof Siddiqur Rahman, vice-president, Chuadanga government college was present as the special guests.

A total of 126 students from over 100 colleges, schools and madrasahs of the district took part in different competition. Darsana government college, Paikpara Janakallyan Boys' High School, Darsana Girls' College and Darsana DS Madrasa were selected the best educational institutions for the year 1995 while Mohammad Musauddin Biswas, Associate Professor, Chuadanga Government College, Md Abdul Mannan, Head Master, Andul Baria Girls' High School and Md Waliullah, Vice-Principal,

Badarganj Bakibillah Senior Madrasa were selected as the best teachers of the district.

Faridpur

The National Education Week '96 was also observed in Faridpur in a befitting manner recently.

To mark the occasion, a seminar on "Uplift of women education" was held at Government Sarada Sundari Mahila College under the patronage of District Education Department with A B M Saïtur, vice principal of the college, in the chair, while professor Md Afaruddin Sheikh, Principal of the college, attended the function as chief guest.

Feroza Begum, Assistant Professor of Bengali of the college read out the paper while Mrs Mantaz Mahal, Principal of Halima Collegiate School, Md Shahjahan, associate professor of Govt Sarada Sundari Mahila College, A B M Lutfur Rahman, assistant professor of Govt Boalmari College, and Zainul Abedin, head master of Faridpur High School took part in the discussion.

One beaten to death in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, June 1: One Abdur Rashid Khan, 40, was beaten to death by his rival party men in a sequel to a long time tussle over a disputed land at Charkaua village under Sadar thana of the district.

The rival group attacked the house of Rashid in the dead of night last Wednesday and beat him up seriously. Abdur Rashid was sent to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital with critical condition. On Thursday last, he succumbed to his injuries at his home.

His body was sent to the morgue for autopsy. Rashid's mother was also injured during the incident, police said.

Road condition in bad shape in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, June 1: Hazardous road communication between Sadar and 15 unions causing untold suffering to the people, reports UNB.

Local people said most of the roads, bridges and culverts are in deplorable condition as these were constructed long before and no measures were taken for its renovation and reconstruction.

The sources said seven km Kulpaddu-Madra road was constructed about 20 years ago which was affected badly by the recurrent floodings. The Madra-Fasiatala road, the only link between Sadar and Kalkini thanas, is also in bad shape and needs repair.

The other roads which also needed repair and reconstruction included five km road of Mostanpur-Balla, 10 km road of Ghatakhara-West Piyapur Tribhazid bazar, four km Kizhazek ferryghat-Govindapur Modh bazar road, Chhilar-charhat-Khejurtala and Char Lakkhipur-Chachhar road. Local leaders have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to renovate and reconstruct the roads, bridges and culverts to ease communication problem.

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