

NEWS SNAPS

Five killed in post-election violence

UNB, Bagerhat
Five people were killed in post election violence in the district in last four days till Monday. Of them, four were identified as Awami League activists while one as BNP activist. AL activists and the minority people in Morelganj, Kochua, Sharankhola, Rampal, Fakirhat, Mollahat and Sadar upazilas are being compelled to leave their houses. It is alleged that the terrorists damaged and looted valuables from the houses of minority people and supporters of Awami League for casting their votes in favour of Awami League. Three temporary police camps have been set up in Mollahat and Morelganj in a bid to deter the election violence.

Two BNP activists killed in Rajbari

A CORRESPONDENT, Rajbari
Two BNP activists were killed in post-polls violence in two upazilas. Of them one was killed in Pangsha upazila and another in Goalondo upazila. Police said, in Pangsha upazila BNP activist Hossein Ali, 50, was abducted allegedly by Awami League activists while he was returning home from the local Machpara market on Friday (October 5) night. Police recovered the bullet riddled body of the deceased from Khoksha thana 6 km off Pangsha upazila headquarters. According to Goalondo thana police, a gang of miscreants including local Awami League activists Monser Gazi attacked the house of Usup Mollah, 45, in Dargapara area of Goalondon upazila on Wednesday (October 3). Mollah was a BNP activist who succumbed to his injuries at Faridpur General Hospital at 11 pm on (October 3) Wednesday.

Miscreants kill one in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari
Police recovered the body of Md Alam, 45, from a forest near his house at Khagarbil frontier in Ramgarh upazila on Monday morning. Police said the victim was abducted by 20 miscreants on Sunday night from his house and looted goods, while his 16-year-old daughter was injured when she tried to resist her father's abduction. Police suspected that previous enmity might be the reason of the murder.

Lightning kills woman in Gaibandha

UNB, Gaibandha
A woman was killed and seven other people were injured when thunderbolt struck in Manduar area of Sadullapur upazila recently. The victim was identified as Achia, 32. She was fishing in the area during the incident. The injured were admitted to local hospital.

Body of abducted man recovered

UNB, Khagrachhari
Body of a middle-aged man abducted on Sunday night by armed terrorists from his house in Ramgarh upazila was recovered Monday. Police said the victim Nurul Alam, 45, union president of local Shechchaseback League, was picked up by armed men Sunday night over previous rivalry. His daughter Hasina Begum was also hit by lethal weapon as she tried to prevent the criminals. With severe wounds she is undergoing treatment at local upazila health complex. Local people found the body of Alam and informed police who recovered it and sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with local police station.

Body of missing person found

UNB, Gopalganj
Police recovered the body of a man from Bagda village of neighbouring Agailjhara upazila here on Monday after three days of his missing. The deceased was identified as Sadananda Barai of Nair Bari village of Kotalipara upazila. Neighbours said Sadananda went to Nair Bari beel to catch fish on Friday but he did not return. Sadananda's brother Gobinda alleged that Liton Halder of the same village often demanded toll from Sadananda. Liton also told one Malek that if Tk 50,000 is paid to him Sadananda would be released. A murder case was filed against Liton Halder.

AL supporters' shops torched in Barisal

UNB, Barisal
Five shops of Awami League supporters were torched by terrorists at Barthi in Gourmadi upazila Sunday night. Local sources said the hoodlums set fire on Goni Sarder's business establishment at Barthi port at about 1 am. The fire soon engulfed four shops owned by Bhakta Sheel, Dulal Sheel, Dr Dayal Sharma and Aftab Hossain. On information, fire service rushed to the spot and extinguished the flame, but by in the mean time all the shops were burnt to ashes. On the next morning (Sunday morning), 10 people were injured, six critically, in a clash between BNP and AL supporters at Pingla village in the upazila. Locals said the clash ensued when BNP cadres demanded toll of Tk 15,000 from trader Nurul Ameen. Of them, seriously injured six people were admitted to hospital.

BNP activists attack AL supporters

UNB, Luxmipur
Advocate Kazi Iqbal Hossain, General Secretary of Bangladesh Juba League Central Committee, alleged that minority people and Awami League supporters of the district are being tortured for casting votes in favour of Awami League (AL). In a press conference Monday, he alleged that terrorists are damaging houses and shops of AL supporters and minority people and also looting valuables. He said over 100 AL activists were chopped and beaten up by the terrorists in Rajpur, Ramganj, Ramgati and Sadar upazilas in last few days since election. He blamed BNP activists for all the attacks and demanded security to the minority people.

Five beaten up by BNP supporters

UNB, Joypurhat
A group of people allegedly supporters of BNP swooped on village Soholapar in Khetlal upazila, ransacked some houses and beat up five people mercilessly on Wednesday. Police said the group attacked the houses of Abdur Rashid, Abdul Karim, Abdul Barik, Farouk Hossain and Ahad Khadakar and beat five family members after abducting them for casting votes in favour of AL in Monday's national election. They also damaged the houses and furniture and looted valuables, police added. Later police rescued the kidnapped people from Nasirpur village and sent them to the local hospital. The hoodlums also looted fish worth Tk 35,000 from two ponds of the neighbouring village in broad daylight. Separate cases were filed with the police.

Three AL activists arrested in Narayanganj

UNB, Narayanganj
Police in a raid just after ransacking of a BNP office at Barodi Bazaar in Sonargaon upazila Sunday night arrested three people and recovered some home-made weapons. Police said they arrested Mohammad Ali, Abdul Berek and Yakub from Nagrapara area and recovered 30 different kinds of indigenous weapons. The arrested ones were reportedly Awami League activists. A case was filed with local police in this connection.

Top terror of Bogra arrested

UNB, Bogra
Police arrested a top terror of the town from a clinic Monday night. Detective Branch and local police in a joint drive arrested Ibrahim Pagla, 30, wanted in 10 cases, when he came to get admission at a clinic at about 8:30 pm. Ibrahim Pagla was a leader of local Awami League-backed Sechchasebak League.

'Aman' cultivation exceeds target

UNB, Joypurhat
'Aman' cultivation has exceeded the target in the district this year despite a drought like situation here. Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) said some 68,280 hectares of land were brought under 'aman' paddy cultivation against the target of 68,200 hectares. For achieving the target, BADC has distributed high yielding variety of seeds among the farmers while the farmers prepared seedbeds on 3,000 hectares of land. Besides, four banks, including RAKUB, disbursed loan among the farmers. The farmers were also provided with pesticide and fertiliser.

New target of sugarcane farming

UNB, Joypurhat
Joypurhat Sugar Mill authority has set a target to cultivate sugarcane on 28,000 acres of land in the current season. Mill sources said the authority is distributing agricultural inputs like fertiliser, seeds and pesticide and Tk 5 crore loan among the farmers to help boost the production



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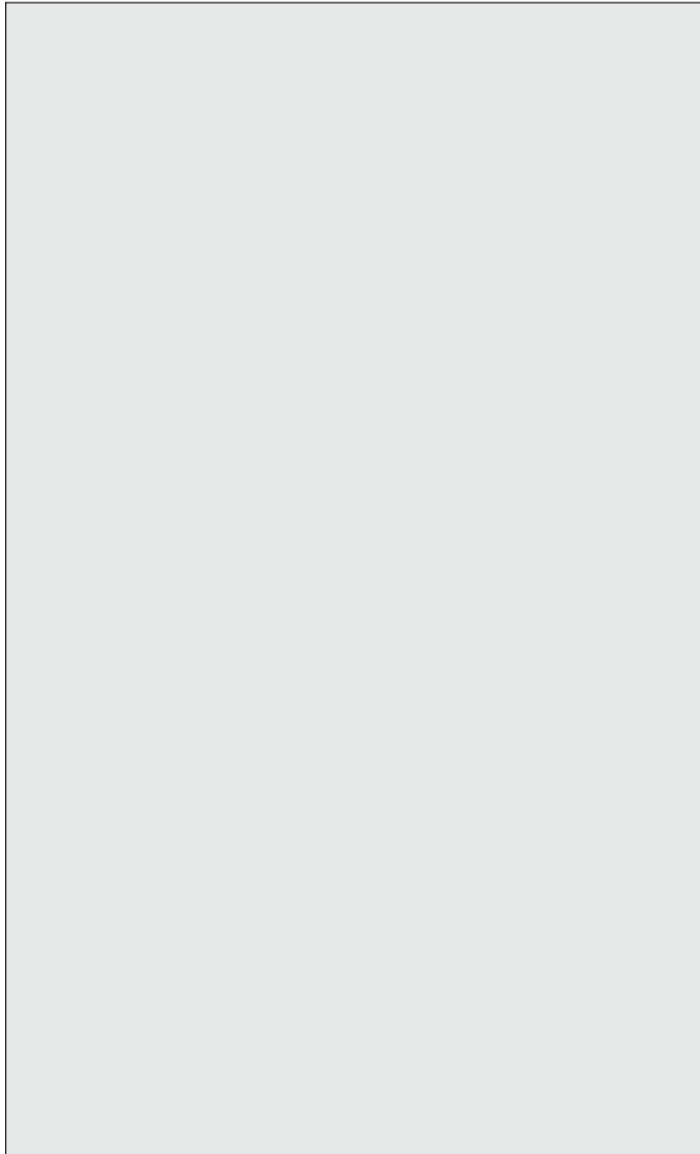
A housewife at Dhamrai in Manikganj takes care of her fruit bearing banana plant. She expects to earn a good amount of money in near future when the fruits get ripe. Banana cultivation has gained popularity in recent days at Dhamrai. Many people, even housewives here grow banana in and around their homesteads and earn a lot by selling the fruit all over the country. In this way they become economically self-reliant.

11 candidates lose security money in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira
Eleven out of 21 candidates in five constituencies of the district have lost their security money in October 1 election. Jatiya Party (E) won one seat in 1996 election while this time all the 5 candidates of JP (E) have lost their security money. In Satkhira-1 (Tala-Kalaroa) constituency, Abdul Ali JP (E), Advocate Mostafa Lutfulah (Workers Party) and Altaf Hossain (JP-M) have lost their security money in the election. Abdul Jabbar (Independent) and Syeda Razia Foyez (JP-E) have lost their security money. Razia Foyez stood second position in 1996 election and was defeated by 269 votes by Jamaat candidate Kazi Samsur Rahman in Satkhira-2 constituency. In Satkhira-3 (Assassuni) constituency Advocate Salahuddin (JPE) has lost his security money on October 1 election. Advocate Salahuddin contested the election and stood second position. This time he has lost his security money. In Satkhira-4 constituency, Shahadat Hossain (Independent), Mahbubur Rahman JP (E), and Shudhaugu Shekhar 11 (party alliance) have lost their security money. Shahadat Hossain contested as JP (E) nominee won the seat in 1996 elections, this time lost his security money. In Satkhira-5 constituency, Golam Reza JP (E) and Mahbub Elahi (Independent) have lost their security money in the October 1 polls.

Concern over post-polls incidents

Director general of Bangladesh Guru Rabidas (Dham) Mission Kanailal Rabidas Mohanta and aborigine (Adibasi) leader Advocate Babul Rabidas in a joint statement expressed grave concern over the post-polls incidents of terrorist attacks on minority community and 'Adibasi' community in different parts of the country, says a press release. Reports of driving out minority community and 'Adibasi' community members from their homes and hearths, beating even killing them, destroying their property and dishonouring female members by miscreants, looting their belongings and extortion in different villages of Sarankhola upazila of Bagerhat are too disturbing, they maintained.

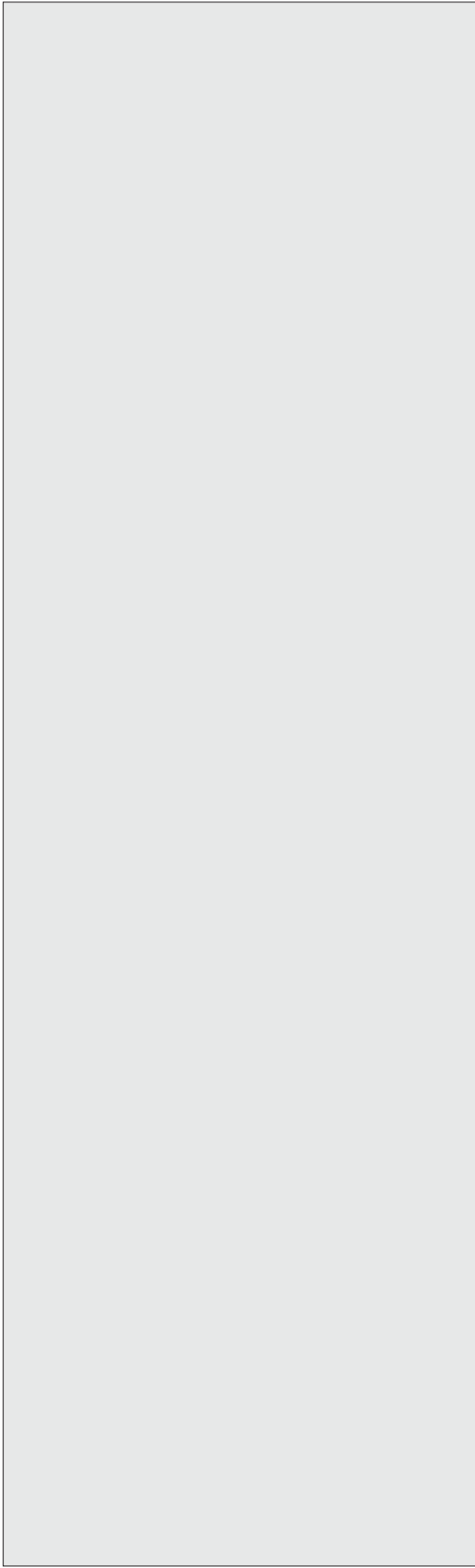


Attack on minority people for casting votes for AL

UNB, Moulvibazar
A sense of insecurity gripped the minority people of the district following attacks on them for casting votes for Awami League in the just concluded election. A group of journalists while visiting various parts of Rajnagar upazila found a horrendous scene of torture let loose allegedly by BNP men. The minority people told the newsmen that the terrorists, led by BNP men, were attacking their houses, torturing the residents and looting their belongings. People could not go out of their houses, and even, the children were not going to their schools in fear of torture by the terrorists. Many of them left their villages and took shelter in safer places. Not only the minority group, many Muslims of Munshibazar, Rajnagar, Tengrabazar, Panchgaon and Kamarchak unions fell prey to the anger of those terrorists for the same reason. The terrorists attacked the houses of Harum Mia of Teljuri village and Chitta Shil of Moshuria village. They looted the valuables and took away their four bullocks. They later arranged feast slaughtering the bullocks. "The terrorists ransacked my house and took away two bullocks. We, even, were not tortured in such a manner during the liberation war in 1971," lamented sexagenarian Chitta Shil of Moshuria village. The BNP terrorists ransacked the house of Nakul Sen at Nandiura village. They also damaged the temple at his house and took away the idol of Laxmi.

Museum opens to public

UNB, Bagerhat
A museum adjacent to Bagerhat Shatgambuj mosque has been opened to the public. Deputy Commissioner Rabiul Islam inaugurated the museum at a sample ceremony in Bagerhat recently. The museum will remain open for the public from 10 am to 5pm everyday excepting the government holidays. In 1992, Department of Archaeology built the museum on 520 meters of land at a cost of Tk 44 lakh. There are huge photographs of archaeological buildings of the Muslim era in the museum in addition to tiles, necklace, plaque, sword and lamp of the Sultani period.



4 female candidates win in N region

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore
Four female candidates have come out victorious in the northern region in the just concluded parliamentary election. Nine female candidates including Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia contested in the 8th parliamentary elections from nine parliamentary seats in Rajshahi division. BNP nominated two female candidates in three seats and both of them became victorious. Of them BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia won Bogra-6 and 7 seats and Khurshid Jahan Haq won the Dinajpur-3 seat. Awami League (AL) nominated four candidates in four constituencies of Rajshahi division and only one of them Dr Hamida Banu Shova won the Nilphamari-1 seat. AL president Sheikh Hasina was defeated to JP (Ershad) candidate Nur Muhammad Mondol in Rangpur-6 seat while Kamrunnahar Putul was defeated Begum Khaleda Zia in Bogra-7 seat. Zinatunnesa Talukdar was defeated to BNP nominee Abu Hena in Rajshahi-3 seat. JP (Ershad)'s lone woman-nominee in Rajshahi division former first lady Begum Raoshan Ershad won the Gaibandha-5 seat. Besides, JP(Manju) candidate Shamsunnahar Ranu and Independent candidate Mosura Begum have lost their security money securing only 136 and 459 votes in Lalmonirhat-3 and Nilphamari-2 constituencies respectively.

