

NEWS SNAPS

Bank official killed in road accident

UNB, Joypurhat
A bank official was killed in a road accident near Palli Bidyut Office on Joypurhat-Bogra highway in Joypurhat on Sunday.

Police said Abul Kalam Azad, 44, Principal Officer of Sonali Bank Joypurhat branch, was injured when a truck knocked him down on the road. He died on way to hospital. The body of Abul Kalam Azad who hailed from Bogra district was handed over to his relatives. Police seized a truck in this connection.

Housewife commits suicide in Manikganj

UNB, Manikganj
A housewife committed suicide allegedly by taking pesticides at Purba Khalpar village in Sadar upazila on Thursday.

Police said Rokeya Begum, 30, wife of Chhabil of the village took poison following a family feud and died at Sadar Hospital after admission. A case was filed.

Housewife beaten to death in Joypurhat

UNB, Joypurhat
A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her neighbours at Abdullahpur village in Akkelpur upazila on Sunday.

The victim was identified as Sufia Begum, 32, wife of Hamidur Rahman. Police said Abul Hossain, his brother Mokbul Hossain and some others beat up Sufia Begum with stick after having quarrels with her. She succumbed to her injuries at Upazila Health Complex. Police arrested six people including four women in this connection.

People of Khulna disappointed

UNB, Khulna
Non-inclusion of anyone from greater Khulna in the 60-member council of ministers in Khaleda Zia's government sworn-in on Wednesday has caused dissatisfaction among people of all walks of life in the city.

Former MP and municipality chairman Enayet Ali on Thursday termed it a sheer injustice to the people of greater Khulna, which has been always neglected. "It is step-motherly attitude of the BNP-led government to us", he added. Another former MP and noted freedom fighter S M Babar Ali regretting the situation said people of Khulna voted for BNP chairperson Begum Zia to win a thumping victory from Khulna-2 constituency. "But she has totally ignored us". Mazharul Huq Hannan, Principal of Khulna Shahid Suhrawardy College, expressing his dismay said the people of Khulna did not expect it from the BNP-led government.

Inclusion of Oli in cabinet demanded

UNB, Chittagong

Exclusion of Oli Ahmed, MP, from the newly formed council of ministers triggered a sharp reaction in the district BNP.

Chittagong south BNP in an emergency meeting on Thursday expressed anguish saying the former Communications Minister and freedom fighter Oli Ahmed led the BNP during various crises. Presided over by Chittagong South BNP President Anwarul Haq, the meeting said people of the area were shocked at the decision and demanded inclusion of Oli in the cabinet. Jatiyatadabi Muktiyoddha Dal also held a protest rally in the port city demanding inclusion of Oli Ahmed in the cabinet.

11 lose security money in Jhenidah

UNB, Jhenidah

Eleven candidates, out of 19 in four constituencies of Jhenidah have lost their security money as they failed to receive minimum required votes in the Oct 1 national election.

Of the candidates, three each are from Jhenidah-2, 3 and 4 constituencies, and two from Jhenidah-1.

Security to Hindu community assured

UNB, Narayanganj

Newly elected BNP MP from Sadar Advocate Abul Kalam Monday visited Dehbogg Laxmi Narayan Akhra and an ashram in the area, and assured the Hindu community of taking steps to ensure their security.

During the visit, he exchanged opinion with the minority community leaders and assured them of allout cooperation in protecting their lives and property. Meanwhile, Juba Dal, the youth front of BNP, also assured the Hindu community of their allout cooperation in celebrating the coming Durga Puja, the main festival of the community.

For the first time in 50 years!

UNB, Cox's Bazar

A young politician of Cox's Bazar was inducted in the cabinet for the first time in 50 years.

District BNP president and an MP from Cox's Bazar-1 (Chakoria), Salah Uddin Ahmed has been made State Minister in the cabinet of Begum Zia's new government. He got the portfolio of Communication Ministry. Local leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations brought out several processions in the district following Saleh Uddin's appointment as State Minister. In the early 50's, late Moulana Farid Ahmed was Labour Minister of Pakistan.

Kharghar Mass Killing Day observed

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Kharghar mass killing day was observed in Nabinagar upazila on Wednesday paying homage to the martyrs of the Liberation War.

On October 10, 1971, the Pakistan army massacred the Kharghar village in Nabinagar upazila killing 52 people on the spot. Members of the mass grave preservation ad maintenance committee offered fateha at the mass grave and organised a milad mahfil on the occasion. President of the committee Al Mamun Sarkar demanded of the government to construct a monument at Kharghar to uphold the memory of the martyrs.

Three of a family kidnapped, released

UNB, Madaripur

A doctor, his wife and daughter were kidnapped over a land dispute from their old-town house in Madaripur on Thursday and released after 11 hours with the interference of the local MP-elect.

Police arrested three people, including two women, for illegally occupying the house of Dr Ranjit Kumar Saha. Police said Dr Saha, his wife Smrity Rani Saha and daughter Dipti Rani Saha were kidnapped late Wednesday night over a long-lasting land dispute with Moulana Shamsul Had. Saha and his family members were released at about 3 pm on Thursday following direct and instant interference of local MP-elect Shahjahan Khan and municipal chairman Khalilur Rahman Khan. Those arrested were identified as Runa Akhter, Rehana Begum and Emran

AL activist stabbed by BNP workers

UNB, Munshiganj

An Awami League (AL) activist was stabbed by terrorists at Ramgopalpur Bridge in Sadar upazila Wednesday night.

The victim, Shahin, 25, son of Quddus Mia, was admitted to Sadar hospital in critical condition. Local Awami League blamed BNP workers for the attack.

Two AL activists injured by BNP supporters

UNB, Munshiganj

Two Awami League (AL) activists were injured in separate attacks allegedly by BNP supporters in the district Thursday.

Witnesses said the BNP activists beat up Sharif Hossain, 40, of Char Kewar village and Abdullah, 45, of Kanshapur village in sadar upazila Sharif was admitted to sadar hospital while Abdullah to Orthopedics Hospital, Dhaka. Another group of BNP men reportedly attacked the house of a AL activist in the town Wednesday and threatened to kill him. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra Jubo Oikya Parishad submitted a written complaint to the Deputy Commissioner against attacks on minorities and demanded their security during the coming Durga Puja.

Youth arrested for possessing bombs

UNB, Narayanganj

A youth was arrested along with two bombs from near Laxminarayan Akhra of Narayanganj town on Tuesday.

The arrested identified as Suman, 20, is a resident of Allama Iqbal Road of the town. Local people caught him red-handed with the bombs and handed over to police. Police said Suman was an accomplice of Jubo League cadre Pappu. A case was filed against him.

Used tealeaves on sale in Naogaon

UNB, Naogaon

Some dishonest traders are selling used tealeaves packing with attractive label in the northern region of the country including the district causing health hazards to the consumers.

Local people alleged that the criminals usually collect the used tealeaves from the tea stalls in the name of using it as manure in the nurseries.

ABDUL WADOOD, Rajshahi

BNP led Four-party Alliance captured all the five parliamentary seats in Rajshahi district in the just concluded elections.

Only 12 candidates managed to save their security money while 16 others lost their security money.

According to the sources in the office of Rajshahi District Election Office, 26 candidates contested in the five constituencies of Rajshahi district in elections. Out of them, six candidates contested from Rajshahi-1, six candidates from Rajshahi-2, four candidates from Rejshahi-3, six candidates from Rajshahi-4 and six candidates from Rajshahi-5 constituency.

In the constituency of Rajshahi-

1 comprising Godagari Municipality, Godagari upazila, Tanore Municipality and Tanore upazila, Barrister Aminul Haque of the Four-party Alliance (BNP) won for the third consecutive term defeating Awami League candidate Omar Farooque Chowdhury this time. Haque bagged 1,30,631 votes and Chowdhury got 84,185 votes. The other four contestants lost their security money. They are Md Jalal Uddin of Islami Jatiya Oikya Front (JP) who got 5,022 votes, Rafiqul Islam Pyarul of 11-party (Workers' Party) got 915 votes, Aminul Islam Panjab, an independent candidate (rebel BNP man) got 298 votes and Anawar Iqbal of Jatiya Party (Manju) secured 88 votes.

The Four-party Alliance (BNP) candidate, Mijanur Rahman Mimu won from Rajshahi-2 constituency comprising Rajshahi city corporation and Poba upazila. He won bagging 1,76,402 votes. His nearest rival AHM Khairuzzaman Liton of Awami League got 96,589 votes. All other four candidates lost their security money. Among them Fazole Hossain Badsha of 11-Party (Workers' Party) got 11,490 votes, Moshataque Ahmed Labu of Islami Jatiya Oikya Front (Jatiya Party) got 10,676 votes, independent candidate Jalaluddin got 661 votes and Shahabuddin Bachchu of Jatiya Party (Manju) got 270 votes.

In the constituency of Rajshahi-3 comprising Bagmara upazila, Taherpur Municipality and

Mohonpur upazila, Abu Hena of the Four-party Alliance (BNP) won for the second consecutive term defeating former state minister Jinnatunnessa Talukder of Awami League. The winner got 1,13,235 votes and the loser managed to bag 76,811 votes. Sardar Amjad Hossain, a former minister of Ershad government stood third. He contested the election as a candidate of Islami Jatiya Oikya Front (Jatiya Party). He got 56,952 votes. Independent Altafur Rahman lost his security money with 782 votes.

Advocate Nadim Mostafa of the Four-party Alliance (BNP) won from Rajshahi-4 constituency comprising Puthia and Durgapur upazilas for the second consecutive term. He secured 1,00,548

votes. His nearest contestant advocate Tajul Islam Mohammed Farooque of Awami League got 85,356 votes. The other four candidates lost their security money.

Among them, Mollah Abdul Wahed of Islami Jatiya Oikya Front (Jatiya Party) got 9,032 votes, Abul Kalam Azad of 11-Party (CPB) got 371 votes, independent Altaf Hossain got 89 votes and Nazrul Islam of Jatiya Party (Manju) got 53 votes.

In the constituency of Rajshahi-5 comprising Charchat upazila, Bagha Municipality and Bagha upazila, Four-party Alliance (BNP) candidate Advocate Kabir Hossain defeated Awami League candidate Raihanul Haque Raihan. Hossain bagged 88,173 votes and Raihan

got 54,882 votes. Independent (rebel Awami Leagueman) Akkas Ali managed to bag 33,134 votes.

Three other candidates lost their security money. Among them, Mokhlesur Rahman of Islami Jatiya Oikya Front (Jatiya Party) got 11,753 votes, Independent (rebel BNPman) Azizur Rahman got 6,223 votes and Nurul Islam Master of JSD bagged 187 votes.

Out of the total 11,54,818 votes, Four-party Alliance candidates got 6,08,989 votes (52.73 per cent), Awami League got 3,97,823 votes (34.44 per cent) Islami Jatiya Oikya Front (Jatiya Party) got 93,405 (9.08 per cent) votes and others got 54,601 (4.75 per cent) votes.

Three terrorists arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Netrakona sadar thana police arrested three notorious terrorists from Satpai area in Netrakona town on October 6 night.

Police sources said the terrorists abducted a minor girl of Satpai area in the town on October 6 night from her house and took her to a secret place. When they were trying to rape her, local people caught red-handed them and informed police. After getting information police rushed to the spot and arrested them. Identity of the arrested three persons are Liton, Kawsar and Haradhon of Satpai area in the town.

A case has been filed with Netrakona police station in this connection.

Principal indeed!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Satkhira BNP leader Prof Ali Ahmed occupied Khulna Ahsanullah College on Sunday noon with the help of police and his party cadres.

Founder principal of the college, Prof Ali was suspended on charge of corruption four months ago.

The BNP cadres stormed into the Accounts Section and snatched keys from the cashier assaulting him.

The college governing body at a meeting unanimously removed Prof Ali from the post of principal on specific charge of corruption, the teachers said.

The divisional commissioner was made ex-officio chairman of the college governing body by the National University on September 23.

Lt Col (ret'd) Rahmahtullah Dadu Bir Pratik, former chairman of the college governing body, said Prof Ali was suspended on June 7 on charge of embezzling about Tk 40 lakh as revealed by a three-member committee after a thorough inquiry.

Three separate cases were filed against him for corruption by the DAB, Khulna.

He could not win the case of reinstatement as principal of the college.

Teachers of rival group of the college filed a petition on Sunday afternoon on bringing charge of unauthorised occupation of the post of principal in total disregard to the court order, Sonadanga thana OC said.

But the petition was shelved by the OC till Monday evening as he did not get permission from the higher authorities of KMP.

When asked, the police commissioner refused to comment as he is not aware of what had happened in the past months before his joining KMP.

Prof Ali said he was called back to college by teachers and students to resume his duty.

But acting principal Azizur Rahman alleged that he was overpowered by the armed goons of BNP hired by the ousted principal.

According to Rahmahtullah Dadu, 52 out of 55 teachers and 12 out of 15 employees of the college are still against BNP leader Prof Ali who dared enter the college only a few hours after his party won October 1 election.

Afforestation drive at IU

IU CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Tree plantation drive-2001 was inaugurated at the Islamic University (IU) campus by Vice Chancellor (VC) Professor Lutfor Rahman recently.

The VC inaugurated the drive by planting a mango sapling at the northern side of Applied Science and Technology Faculty in presence of Registrar Dr Moslem Uddin, Treasurer Prof Mahattab Uddin Sarkar, IUTA president Prof Mosharrar Hossain, proctor Ruhul Kuddus Abu Saleh and others.

This year about 1,500 saplings of various fruits have been planted on the campus in comparison with plantation of 1200 saplings last year. Student advisor Muid Rahman took the initiative to plant about 10,000 saplings this year to create a pollution-free environment.

Islamic University received the national award twice in 1997 and 1999 for its best performance in the afforestation drive.

ADDITIONAL