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#### Lone elected female Poura chairperson in Barisal divn

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal** 

Nasrin Jahan Ratna alias Ratna Amin. wife of Ruhul Amin Howlader, former minister and secretary general of Jatiya Party (Ershad) was declared unofficially elected chairman of Bakerganj municipality. The election was held or

She is the only elected female municipal chairman in Barisal division. She got 2941 votes while her nearest rival Nasir Jamaddar of ruling alliance got

#### **Heat wave** claims 2 in Bagerhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Heat wave has claimed two lives in

The victims have been identified as Abul Kashem, 58, son of late Abul Kalam of Baliadanga village in Fakirhat thana and Kashem Ali,80, of Bagerhat town.

Bagerhat hospital sources confirmed the deaths. They were under treatment in the hospital.

#### Woman NBCP activist arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Paikgachha thana police of Khulna district arrested a woman activist of outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party NBCP) named Bulu Rani,40, from her house at Lata union on Saturday.

The arrested was a paramour of NBCP ringleader Shukumar Roy alias Taru who was lynched by mob at

Dumuria recently. Paikgachha thana officer-in-charge (OC) disclosed that the arrested had

been wanted in connection with a motor cycle snatching case recorded in March. She used to supply explosive bstances required for making bombs

to her party cadres.

leave hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Patients are leaving the Khulna

Medical College Hospital (KMCH)

due to an indefinite strike by interns

and hospital staff since Thursday

attack on six doctors and nurses by

the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)

activists and some students after

death of a BL College student

Mizanur Rahman. He was rushed to

They called the strike protesting

# Panic grips Ahmadiyyas in Barisal, Patuakhali

Khatme Nabuat holds 'grand rally' at Patuakhali today, eviction drive tomorrow

AKTER FARUK in Barisal and SOHRAB HOSSAIN in Patuakhali

About 27,000 people of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat in Barisal and Patuakhali districts are in panic following the eviction threat given by the Khatme Nobuat

They have applied to the distinct administrations for protection and

When contacted, sources in Barisal and Patuakhali district administrations said all steps will be taken to protect the Ahmadiyyas and maintain law and order.

The Barisal unit of International Khatme Nabuat Movement (IKNM) brought out a procession in Barisal city in support of the eviction programme, announced in Dhaka

The Khatme Nobuat at a press

conference in Dhaka on May 6 declared that Ahmadiyyas in Patuakhali will be evicted from their astanas (establishments) on May 12 and those in Chittagong on May

At the press conference, Hafiz Mahmudul Hassan Momtazi, Amir of the Khatme Nobuat and Khatib of Rahim Metal Jame Mosque of Teigaon. Dhaka detailed the eviction programme.

As per the schedule. Khatme Nobuat men will lay a siege to Ahmadiyya astanas (establishments) in Patuakhali town tomorrow and in Chittagong on May 28 and evict the members. The Islamic Shashantantra

Andolon (ISA), political party headed by the Chormiani Pir, has also extended its support to the move, it was told at the press confer-

The IKNM and ISA will jointly hold a Sirat Mahfil at Patuakhali Launch Ghat Jame Masjid field today after Asr prayers.

Mawlana Mahbubur Rahman President of Patuakhali district ISA will preside over the meeting. Mufti Nur Hossain Nurani will address it as chief quest. Tomorrow, they will hold a grand

meeting at Patukhali Shahid

Alauddin Shishu Park and then

proceed towards Ahmadiyya astanas to evict them. They have already circulated leaflets in Barisal and Patuakhali detailing the programme and calling upon Muslims to join the move. The

Ahmadiyyas non-Muslims. Meanwhile, Delwar Hossain Dilip, chief of the Patuakhali district

leaflets also called for declaring

Ahmadiyya community, has said that about 20,000 people of his community live peacefully in Aliapur, Town Kalikapur, Baderpur, Lohalia in Patuakhali town and in some other areas of the district.

The Ahmadiyyas central mosque in Patuakhali town is at Mithapukur in Puran Bazaar area.

There are also Ahmadiyyas in Kalapara upazila Sadar and Kalagachhia in Galachipa upazila in Patuakhali district.

There are about 7,000 Ahmadiyyas in Barisal, Bakergani and Barguna districts. They are in Patharghata upazila Sadar and Kukua in Amtali upazila; Krishnanagor, Khakhdon and Kawnia in Betagi upazila in Barguna district; Bamnikati in Bakerganj; and in Agailihara and Gournadi in

Moulvibazar Poura Polls

## **Defeated candidates announce** agitation programme

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,** 

The five defeated chairman candidates who rejected Moulvibazar municipal election results alleging massive rigging and demanded recommittee styled Committee to Resist Vote Dacoity and Realise Fresh Election and announced agitation programmes to realise their demand.

Defeated chairman candidate Syed Mohsin Ali, president of district Awami League and CPB central leader Syed Abu Zafar Ahmed have been made convenor and member secretary respectively of the committee formed Sunday night.

The four other defeated chairman candidates are its members. They are Al-haj Mahmudur Rahman (Independent), Abu Yahya Mujaheed (Nagorik Committee), Syed Headayetullah Belal (Independent) and Hamidur Rahman Mukul (Independent).

District unit presidents and

general secretaries of all political parties except components of the Four Party Alliance are included in the committee as members.

A dawn-to-dusk hartal was observed in the town vesterday at the call of the defeated chairman candidates to protest alleged

Transports expect rickshaws remained off the roads and business establishments were closed during the hartal.

The agitation programmes begin today.

The programmes include observance of 'black day' and hoisting of black flags atop houses today, launch of a mass signature campaign from today, a human chain at Moulvibazar and demonstrations in all upazilas in the district tomorrow, special prayers and exchange-of-view meetings on May 14, processions in Moulvibazar town on May 15 and a public meeting in the town on May 16.

Fresh programmes will be announced at the public meeting,

sources at the committee said.

Police, armed police and BDR have been deployed in different points of the town to maintain law and order

Moulvibazar municipality election was held on May 8. Five out of six chairman candidates and most of commissioner candidates have rejected the election results, alleging "massive rigging by the ruling party in cooperation with the administration". They have demanded fresh election.

Meanwhile the Returning Officer has unofficially declared Fayzul Karim Mayun elected chairman of Moulvibazar municipality. Mayun is district BNP general secretary.

The administration says the election was free and fair.

Mayun and his supporters brought out a big victory procession in the town yesterday. It paraded the main streets of the

### Wild elephant's onslaught on Magura village

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

One person was critically injured by

a wild elephant on Monday.

Anarul Molla, 40, son of Ibrahim Molla of Barishat village in Sreepur upazila sustained injuries while chasing an elephant. Two elephants were damaging crops on his cropland. He was admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital.

Police officials told this correspondent the elephants entered Bangladesh from India through Mujibnagar Border Out Post (BOP) in Meherpur district on Friday.

the hospital after a road accident at

Daulatpur on Wednesday night. The

attackers went on rampage and

damaged the hospital property also.

demanded punishment to the

culprits and adequate security

not for lack of treatment, but for lack

measures during duty hours.

of security', the strikers said.

to nab the attackers.

The striking doctors and staff

'Patients are leaving the hospital

They also alleged police inaction

**KMCH** interns on strike: Patients

Meherpur to take back the elephants on Saturday. But they went back as the elephants entered deep inside the Bangladesh territory. The elephants came to Barishat through Harinakundu and Sailkupa upazilas of adjoining Jhenidah district on Sunday night

One platoon of BDR (Bangladesh Rifles) and a police team are following the elephants.

The elephants took a deep in the Nabaganga at Bagdanga village in Sreepur upazila and created panic among local people when this correspondent dispatched this

Please read para 21 of our

story headlined 'Re-election

demanded at Moulvibazar

published on page 16 of The

Daily Star on Monday (May 10)

as: He however told the corre-

spondent of national daily

Sangbad that polling was

uninterrupted in 11 of the 12

centres. The word interrupted

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**Erratum** 

A novel way to attract voters ... Ali Azam, an independent ward commissioner candidate in Bakerganj municipal polls kept a caged deer in front of the Bakerganj Girls High School polling centre to attract voters in his favour. But he lost the polls. Azam claimed that he hired the deer from a circus party.

#### Gournadi **Jubo League** leader strangled

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal** 

A Jubo League leader was strangled by 'BNP activists' in Gournadi

upazila on Sunday. Gournadi municipality Jubo League joint secretary Saidul Huq Khan,35, was called out of his house at Baro Kasba village by Hakim Khan, a cadre of BNPsupported ward commissioner

associates on Saturday night. Since then he was missing. Local people found the body about half kilometre from his house on Sunday morning.

candidate Sanaullah Khan and

Police recovered the body and sent it to morque for autopsy Primary signs showed that Saidul was strangled.

Police and family sources told this correspondent the victim left his native village after the national election on October 1, 2001. He came back to his village home from Chittagong to caste vote in favour of his cousin Nuru Khan, a commissioner candidate of Ward No 2 in Gournadi Pourasabha.

His wife revealed that BNP cadres of Sanaullah threatened to kill her husband just after his return

#### Former municipal chairman charged with scam

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

The Bureau of Anti-corruption (BAC) has filed a case against a former chairman of Patuakhali Pourasabha, its three officials and two contractors for alleged financial scam involving Tk 11 lakh Taka.

The accused are former municipal chairman advocate Md Sultan Ahmed Mridha, Executive Engineer Ranjan Kanti Guha, Subassistant Engineer Sarder Mahbob, Ward Commissioner Mohon Gazi and contractors ABM Shahin Ferdouse and Amal Ratan.

BAC Inspector Abdur Rahim Joarder filed the case with the Special Judge Court after investigation and approval from the Prime Minister's office, BAC sources said.

The sources said 3.62 lakh was allegedly misappropriated in the Charpara road repair project, mplemented in 2002-03 financia

Another Tk 7.85 lakh was misappropriated from funds allocated for three road repair projects in Patuakhali town, they said.

The investigation report was sent to the Prime Minister's office and the case was filed after

approval from there, they said.

## A village that deserves govt attention A doctor offers a holiday resort

#### 142 poultry farms at a remote Satkhira village runs without power supply

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Gabinda Kati, a remote village in Kaligani upazila in the district, is now known as a 'poultry village'.

Over 25000 eggs are supplied every day from 142 poultry and duck farms in the small village. Traders from other areas buy those.

The tremendous success has

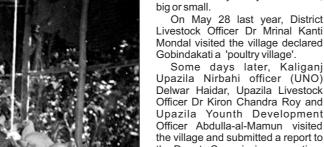
They have formed an organisation styled Gobindakati Poultry Farms Owners Multipurpose Cooperative Society

Seeing their success, government officials visited the village last year and promised to supply electricity, construct a road, and provide with financial assistance for further development. But nothing has been

After three months those grew up and laid eggs, earning Tk 3000 to 4000 for the family a month. They expanded their farm. They

now earn a profit of Tk 10,000 to 12,000 a month, she said. Seeing the couple's success,

Shekhar Biswas bought 400 poultry birds and 200 children to begin with. Over the years, he bought lands and



remedies. On August 9 last year, Satkhira DC AYM Ekramul Hag visited the village. He asked officials of Rural Electrification Board to bring the village under its network and assured the villagers to solve other problems.

But nothing has been done so far, Parimal Kumar Mondal, President of the Co-operative Society told this correspondent.

tion, particularly in rainy season, price of egg decreases by 30 to 40 percent as transports do not reach the village, he said. On the other hand, carrying cost for poultry feed increases by about 20 percent, he

"It we get interest free loan and electricity supply and are provided with a good communication system we will be able to expand are farms and create more jobs for many

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

A child specialist has offered a good holiday resort near the city while the government Portajton Corporation Corporation failed to serve the purpose.

The picturesque Zastat Holiday Resort Centre at Doloipara village about 9 kilometres off the city will draw anybody's attention.

Modern recreation facilities created in a natural atmosphere and the green hills around give weary urban dwellers a chance to breathe fresh air and relax, away from the concrete jungle. It is about three kilometres

from Khadimpara on the Sylhet-Tamabil highway Though the highway is good, the three 3 kilometre narrow road

is unmetalled and rugged. But, once at the resort, it is soothing all

A two-storied motel with a standard restaurant on the ground floor has been established on a hilltop. A gymnasium, a sports complex with Billiard table and other indoor games facilities. a lawn tennis and a

modern swimming pool caters to

the need of visitors of all ages and Children can learn swimming

at special discount. A mini conference room also offers businessmen and officials the scope for work while in a

pleasure trip There is also a natural lake with a small family picnic spot. A beautiful garden with about 50,000 plants and trees of about

350 species adds to its beauty. Setting up of a mini zoo is also in the process.

The divisional headquarters badly needed some recreation facilities for long. Even there is no full-fledged children park here. The once renowned Jalalabad Park near the Keane bridge is abandoned for long. Part of it was leased to a private concern for

nursery business years back. "The Zastat Holiday Resort will meet the demand to a great extent", said MC College student Anwar Hossain while talking to this correspondent at the resort recently. He went there along with his friends

Dr. Toufique Rahman Chowdhury, Chairman, Institute Business and Information

Technology (IBIT) and his family were gossiping at the garden.

He said. "Busy urban people look for a chance to take a break and pass the leisure time in a quieter place. This resort offers a scope to enjoy scenic beauty in a

natural atmosphere". Every day a good number of people come to Sylhet for different purposes including visiting the shrines of great saints Hajrat Shahjalal (RA) and Hajrat Sha Poran (RA). There are also other places of interest in greater Syhet, which attract visitors. There is a good prospect of developing tourism in the region, said

Shamsul Haque, a banker. While talking to this correspondent, Dr Zakaria Hossain said he started the project in 1996. The first phase has been completed. "I tried to retain the natural

character of the site. I want to prepare a proper environment for children and others. "I have a master plan prepared with the help of some engineers

and architects in the light my experience at home and abroad. "I have plan to expand the area

covering more hillocks". The entry fee is Tk 20 per

Setting up of rope line for cable

head. Its Manager Squadron Leader (retd) AAM Shoaib said, "We are satisfied with the number of visitors. On an average, 300 people come here daily".

car for movement from one hill to another is going on. Pleasure trip by helicopter is also being planned, he said. "We are hopeful of attracting

people including expatriates, who come to the country for holidays", Shoaib added. Finance and Planning Minister

M Saifur Rahman formally inaugurated the resort on April 29. But visitors started flocking to the resort since it was ready in February, he said.

#### 46 lose security money

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Forty-six candidates have lost their security money in Gaibandha Pourasabha polls.

Four chairman candidates who lost their security money are Abu Bakker Siddique of the BNP, Abul Hossain also of the BNP, Farhad Abdullah Harun of the Awami

League and SM Hunan Hakkani

They did not get one-eighth of

of the Bikalpa Dhara. Forty ward commissioner candidates and two woman candidates from reserve seats lost their security money. The woman candidates are Anwara Begum and Amatur Noor Charra

#### Body of minor boy found

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal** 

Police on Sunday recovered the body of a three-year-old boy from Lalar Dighi area of Rupatali in the

Police and family sources said ill-fated Tamim, son of an insurance worker, Kamrul Islam was missing since Saturday. The body was found near the bank of a pond of their house. Police detected signs of strangulation on the neck. But the cause of the murder is yet to be known.

father Kamrul is a member of Farazi Bari which had a long standing dispute with the neighboring Khan Bari. Tamim's parents have became

Family sources said Tamim's

mentally upset after their only son's death. Police visited the spot and sent

the body for post-mortem. No case was lodged.

unemployed youths", he said



Housewife Bibha Rani Sarker, one of the many poultry farmers at village feeding her birds.

assistance from any quarter. Poultry farming has removed poverty and opened the door to prosperity there. This correspondent during a recent visit to the village saw men

and women working at their farms

set up on courtvards or nearby

lands. They were either collecting

eggs, or feeding the chicken or

cleaning farms.

been achieved without any financial

years back, when they could not even send their children to school due to poverty. Jhharna Rani Mondal, 34.

mother of a son and a daughter, said her unemployed husband Parimal

Kumar Mondal had bought 200

chicken and started a small poultry

Days were hard for them a few farm. He now earns a monthly profit of Tk 7000 to 8000. Life is now meaningful to once a

obless youth Mahadev Sarkar, who had stopped going to school due to poverty when he was a student of class IX. In 1996, he had bought 300

constructed a pucca building for his

chicken. Within a few days, 80 chicken died from disease. But he

was undaunted. He bought chicken again. He now earns Tk 6000 to 7000 profit every month.

Shib Padar Sarkar gets around 550 eggs a day from 1600 ducks in his farm raised in two ponds. He earns Tk 12000 to 15000 profit per

He will sell the ducks which have completed laying periods. This will bring him at least Tk 50,000. He will buy more ducks and expand the farm with the money.

Almost every family owns a farm, On May 28 last year, District

Some days later, Kaligan Upazila Nirbahi officer (UNO Delwar Haidar, Upazila Livestock Officer Dr Kiron Chandra Roy and Upazila Younth Development Officer Abdulla-al-Mamun visited the village and submitted a report to the Deputy Commissioner mentioning some problems faced by the poultry farmers and suggesting

Due to lack of good communica-

A panoramic view of Zastat Holiday Resort.

