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Bid to distort history protested

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University (RU) unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Friday brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus protesting the government bid to distort the history of Liberation War of Bangladesh in the official publication of the 15 volume documents. BCL central committee assistant secretary Kamruzzman Chanchal led the procession.At the rally, the leaders urged the patriotic forces to resist the evil design of the government. The leaders said former president Ziaur Rahman announced the country's independence under a directive from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Minor girl rescued from traffickers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

An eight-year-old child was rescued from traffickers at Gobindaganj bus stand on Friday. The rescued girl is Shampa, daughter of Tara Mia of Hasanerpara village in Sadullapur upazila Shampa's mother Goleza Begum came to Gaibandha district lail to visit her husband Tara Mia who was detained there. A gang of child traffickers followed Shampa and her mother. They tactfully kidnapped Shampa from the jail compound on a plea to entertain her with sweetmeat and fled to an unknown destination While fleeing, the people of her cries. But the traffickers escaped from the wrath of people who sent her

2 commit suicide in Feni

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Two persons committed suicide in two separate incidents in Dagon-bhuiyan thana in two days. In the first incident, Bela, 28, committed suicide by taking poison at Alipur village on Friday, according to police and local people. In another incident, Taslima Akter Rani, 26, and mother of two children committed suicide at her house by hanging, at Bejoypur village. She was the wife of Sahab Uddin.

High security alert, lax in duty

Violence despite presence of 11 magistrates, BDR, police and Ansar for a UP by-poll in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

One platoon of BDR, 11 magistrates, 162 policemen and 108 Ansars headed by two ASPs were deployed during by-election to the post of a Union Parishad chairman.

But the huge number of law enforcers and officials could not ensure foolproof security during the election in Jalla union in Uzirpur upazila under Barisal district, held

Local people and many voters claimed stray incidents of violence and intimidation marked the bypolls but election officials said it was peaceful, free and fair.

Uzirpur UNO and election coordinator Md. Azam Khan and Returning Officer Md. Jasim Uddin said the election was free, fair and peaceful barring some stray inci-

Nine of the 11 magistrates were stationed at the nine pooling centres and two were on mobile duty as all the nine pooling centres were earlier on the polling day, sources said. The

Asked by newsmen after the polls, ASPs (Additional Police Superintendents) Sirajul Islam and Farhad Hossain declined to make

any comment. Political circles there said the byelection in Jalla union was a prestige fight for opposition Awami League and ruling BNP.

Awami League men held the post of the UP chairman for the last 15 years. About eighty-five percent of voters in the union are of Hindu

This time also, Urmila Baroi, wife of slain UP chairman Aboni Baroi, won the by-polls, defeating her BNP rival with a big margin. She got 6338 votes against 3203 of BNP-backed

The post fell vacant following the murder of Aboni Baroi on May 23.

Two rival groups of outlaws, known as sarbaharas, were active in the area for days before the polls and

Zia group supports Awami League and the Kamrul group supports the

Local people alleged that the rival outlaws displayed arms, exploded bombs and intimidated voters during days before the polls. The Kamrul group threatened

voters not to go to the pooling cen-

On the election day, armed outlaws belonging to Kamrul group created "check posts" at different points to prevent voters from going to polling centres, many voters

They attacked and chased voters in front of police at about 11-30 am at South Bahergati center in Ward

Sarbahara cadres Humaun Sikder, Majibur Rahman, Hanif Howlader, Anis Bepari of Kamrul group blasted

crackers outside the centre. At about 12-15 pm, outlaws supporting the ruling party abduc ted Urmila Baroi's election agents Alomoti Baroi and Dhirendra Chandra Baroi and three voters --Shyamol Halder, Nikhil and Swapon Baroi-- from Shahid Swaranika center in Ward No. 4.

Alomoti Baroi and Shyamol Halder were later rescued from a road side and sent to Goila hospital. Condition of Shayamol was critical. Alomoti and Shyamol later told police that they were abducted and tortured by Kamrul group cadres Humaun Kabir, Mahbub and Hiru.

The Sarbahara cadres also threatened local journalist Nazrul Biswas not to go close to the centre,

They also attacked, ransacked and looted the houses of Bidya Rani Biswas and Kajal Rani in Jallar Par in Ward No. 7 as they were supporters of Urmila Baroi.

A wonder fertiliser from waste

Vermicompost is said to be environmentally friendly, lessen pest attack, increase taste of vegetables, fruits

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Farmers and scientists call it a wonder fertiliser.

'Vermicompost', an organic fertiliser produced from household waste, straw and shrubs with the help of earthworm, is not only environment friendly but also a deterrent to pest attack on croplands.

It also increases taste of vegetables, users claim.

Its is becoming popular among farmers because anybody can produce it in the backyard. At least 100 families in Khaserhat area in Sadar upazila are now commercially producing the fertiliser and earning their livelihood. They sell it at Tk five per kilogram.

The production method is very simple. A heap of household waste, straw and shrubs mixed with cow dung is left in a damp and dark place for about seven days to rot. Some earthworms are then let loose on it. The earthworms eat the rotten wastes and release those.

The heap is then dried in sun. The compost is ready for sale.

Vermicompost is more effective for all crops than chemical fertiliser and has no side effect, said Anisur Education in Science (CMES), an A family in Khasherhat village producing 'vermicompost' for sale.

"We are getting better result by using this compost", nursery owner Nur Banu of Khaserhat told this correspondent during a recent visit to the village. Less irrigation is needed if this

NGO which initiated the process in

youths who are now commercially

So far, CMES has trained 25

fertiliser is used because the soil can retain moisture, she claimed.

Dr Prof Wahid-uz-Zaman, Vicechancellor of Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU), who did some research on vermicompost' said this fertiliser has manifold benefits.

PHOTO: STAR

It has no side effect like organic fertilisers. Experiment showed that pest attack was lesser on croplands where this fertiliser was used. Vegetables and fruits produced by using vermicompost are more tasty

Shaheen doing 'silent terrorism', Kulaura BNP leaders allege

Allegations false, lawmaker says

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Kulaura BNP leaders at a press conference on Sunday alleged that independent lawmaker MM Shaheen is doing "silent terrorism in Kulaura upazila" and maligning Finance Minister Saifur Rahman and his son Naser Rahman MP.

Upazila BNP President Prof Md Abdul Hannan read out a written statement at the press conference, held at a hotel in Moulvibazar town. He also replied to questions from newsmen.

Hannan alleged that Shaheen is maintaining a group of terrorists and using BNP politics to justify his unlawful activities".

"MP Shaheen is looting government allocated rice and wheat for his relatives and supporters", the

There are allegations that he often threatens officials with transfer if they decline to obey his unlawful order, he alleged.

Answering a question, Kulaura BNP leaders said Shaheen has formed a so-called committee of Kulaura BNP with some "expelled BNP men and his followers".

He uses the name of BNP but criticises the "undisputed leader of Sylhet division Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman" and his son Naser Rahman, president of Moulvibazar district BNP, they alleged.

He is publishing fabricated storied about them in 'The Thikana', a newspaper published by him in New York (USA), they

Shaheen was expelled from BNP in 2001 and there is no scope

Kulaura BNP General Secretary Joynal Abedin Bachhu, its Pourasava unit president MAS Majid, party leaders Advocate Mujibur Rahman Mujib, Moulvi Abdul Wali Siddique and MA Mukit were also present at the press

When contacted by this correspondent over phone last night, Shaheen said all the allegations are false. "People of Kulaura know everything very well".

He said, "Shaheed president Ziaur Rahman is the ideology of BNP and Prime Minister Khaleda

There are so many national leaders and Finance Minister Saifur Rahman is one of them and respected by all", Shaheen added.

Proshika chief's

release

demanded

A CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

Fifty lawyers, six NGO chiefs and

leaders of different organisations on

Sunday demanded separately release

of Proshika and Association for

Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) president Quazi

Humanitarian gesture of a police officer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A noble gesture of a police officer has saved the life of a hardened criminal here.

The criminal, Jummon, 30 sustained critical injuries due to alleged torture following his arrest by the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) Police shifted him to Kushtia General Hospital for treatment on Saturday night. There he was fighting for life due to shortage of blood His blood group was rare. Even it did not match the blood of his relatives.

Finally, the blood of on-duty police inspector Apurbo Hassan matched his group. He at once came forward to donate blood to the criminal and saved his life.

On Friday, Rab nabbed Jummon and two other criminals Minarul and Anwar of Charkuthipara in the town with firearms.

Intra-party feud deepens in Khulna BNP

2000 in Khaserhat.

producing the fertiliser.

No chain of command in the party and its youth, student wings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Intra-party feud has deepened in Khulna BNP.

The chain of command collapsed in the party and in its youth front Jubo Dal and student front Chhatra Dal, according to president of JCD district unitAbu Hossain Babu.

Field-level party activists blamed senior leaders for collapse in chain of command. 'Senior leaders including the lawmakers are now busy in building their fortunes instead of engaging in people's welfare activities', allege

'The party's reputation has been damaged due to misdeeds of some top level JCD leaders', two senior BNP district and city unit leaders told this correspondent requesting anonymity. Their involvement in toll collection, tender manipulation at arms point, illegal occupation of shrimp enclosures, land garbing and drug trafficking has adversely tainted the image of

BNP', they added. There is no chain of command in Khulna city and district units of JCD, BNP leaders said expressing their grave concern at the intra party rivalry n both Jubo Dal and JCD.

City BNP secretary Nazrul Islam Manju told that some top JCD leaders have gone out of control due to indulgence given by two members of parliament (MPs) and the city mayor They are being used as tools to take revenge on rivals in BNP, Manjusaid.

Sharp intra-party rivalry is one of the factors responsible for collapse in chain of command both in BNP, Jubo Dal and JCD, said Abu Hossain Babu, president of Khulna district JCD.

However, he denied involvement of anyone in JCD in tender snatch ing, toll collection and illegal occur pation of shrimp enclosures.

A unique event in remote village

A UP 'budget session' draws enthusiastic crowd

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Joynagar union, a remote area in Klaroa upazila in the district. Over 2000 enthusiastic people had a day-long 'Union Parishad budget session', held on

Badrunnesa Girls High School premises on Saturday. The aim was to ensure accountability of the local government body

and transparency in its activities. Joynagar Union Parishad organised the session with the help of Manusher Jonno, a local NGO.

Joynagar UP Chairman Tapan It was a unique day for villagers in Kumar Saha presented the budget for his UP for fiscal 2004-5 and also presided over the session. Retired principal of Satkhira Government College Asit Kumar Majumdar was

the chief guest. NGO representatives Farzana Nayeem, Shila Tasmin and Nikesh Kumar: Noakhali-based Gandhi Ashram Trust Project Co-ordinator Begum Souda, Romjan Nagar Union Parishad Chairman Alamgir Haidar, Advocate Dilip Kumar Dev and

Principal Abu Bakar Siddique were

present as special guests. Abdus Sabur, director, of a local NGO, Agragati Sangstha, narrated the aim of the budget session, conducted by Asit Kumar Banerjee.

Tapan Kumar replied to questions from villagers on the budget.

People from all sections- rich and poor-- spontaneously attended the meeting and asked various questions on how the money would be spent. They also gave sugges-



and increasing project implementa-

tion capacity from 50,000 taka to two

auditorium, the council meeting was

chaired by Rajshahi district Nupf

president Bazle Rizvi Al Hasan, while

it was addressed, among others, by

ARD-LGI chief Dr William James

Cartiar, Nupf organising secretary

Fakir Tariqul Islam and vice president

committee of the national forum

headed by Bazle Rizvi Al Hasan and

Aminul Haque as president and

general secretary was formed during

A 28-member Rajshahi divisional

Ataharul Islam.

Held at Rajshahi District Council

A partial view of the 'budget session 'held at Joynagar.

Farugue Ahmed. They demanded withdrawal of false case against him and condemned police harassment to Proshika and ADAB employees. Signatories to the statement are district Bar Association president

advocate Narayan Chandra, secretary advocate Md Muklasur Rahman and lawyers AKM Farhad, Rafigul Islam, Abdul Wadud, Mukadash Fardawshi, Haridas Karmakar, APP Sudhangshu Kaluar, Hasnara Begum, Emam Hossain Thandu, Prodip Dey, Abdur Rahim, Rukshana Begum, general secretary of district Awami League advocate Chandan Kumar Pal, Dalia Samad, Bakshiganj development area co-ordinator of Proshika Md Mizanur Rahman, Shepur Press Club secretary Manirul Islam, executive director of RDS Md Gulam Mustafa, executive director of KAP Md Nur Ahmed, executive director of Poor Society Development Organisation Md Eman Ali, executive director of SS Md Shuab Hossan, executive director of Seba Parished laynal Abdin, Sherpur Correspondent of Sangbad Haikm Babul, advocate Aktaruzzaman and advocate Abul Kashem.

Workshop on woman, child trafficking *

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A workshop on woman and child trafficking was held at Shyamnagar Upazila Officers' Club on Friday.

The workshop was jointly organised by Coastal Development Network (CDN) and Action against Trafficking and Sexual Harassment of Children. Government officials, teachers, local government representatives, journalists andmembers of civil society took part.

Shyamnagar upazila nirbahi

officer (UNO) Solaiman Mondal was present as chief guest, while Shyamnagar thana officer-in-charge (OC) Sheikh Kamruzzam was special CDN member secretary Abdus Sabur gave the address of welcome.

Among others, Sushanta Sarkar, Nakipur union chairman Jaglul Ayesha Abed Foundation coordina-Haider, Romjan Nagar union chairman Alamgir Haidar and CDN member Anisur Rahman addressed the workshop.

খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড লিমিটেড

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নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। বাংলাদেশ নৌ বাহিনী কর্তৃক পরিচালিত খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ডে নিম্ন্বর্ণিত পদসমূহে স্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে নিয়োগের জন্য উপযুক্ত প্রার্থীদের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাইতেছেঃ

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21	সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (বিদ্যুৎ-১, যান্ত্রিক-১, নৌস্থপতি-২)	8000-9980/-	৪ (চার)	বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং, কম্পিউটার পরিচালনায় (যান্ত্রিক ও নৌস্থপতি এর ক্ষেত্রে CAD বিষয়সহ) পারদর্শিতা।	৩০ বৎসর
२।	উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (বিদ্যুৎ- ১, যান্ত্রিক-৪, সিভিল-১)	0800-5556/-	৬ (ছয়)	তিন বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ ডিপ্রোমা ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং (তিন বৎসরের কোর্স), কম্পিউটার পরিচালনায় পারদর্শিতা।	৩০ বৎসর
91	সেক্রেটারী (ব্রাঞ্চ অফিসার)	8000-9980/-	১ (এক)	স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তরসহ কম্পিউটার, ই-মেইল, এবং ফ্যাক্স পরিচালনায় পারদর্শীতাসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজে ৬ বংসরের অভিজ্ঞতা।	৩০ বংসর
81	বাণিজ্যিক কর্মকর্তা (ব্রাঞ্চ অফিসার)	8000-9980/-	১ (এক)	মাতক/মাতকোত্তর (বাণিজ্য) সহ ৬ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা।	৩০ বৎসর
æ1	সহঃ প্রশাসনিক/সমন্বয় কর্মকর্তা	2000-0000/-	১ (এক)	স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তরসহ ৪ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা।	৩০ বৎসর
৬।	সহঃ হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তা	2000-0000/-	১ (এক)	স্নাতক (হিসাব বিজ্ঞান) সহ ৪ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা।	৩০ বংসর
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21	অংকনকারী	২২৫০-৪৭৩৫/-	১ (এক)	এসএসসিসহ ট্রেড কোর্স ইন শিপবিল্ডিং ড্রাফটসম্যানশীপ/ড্রাফটসম্যানশীপে ডিপ্রোমা পাস।	৩০ বৎসর
201	নিম্ন করণিক	3690-0500/-	২ (দুই)	এইচএসসি পাস।	৩০ বৎসর
221	গাড়ি চালক	>>96-9550/-	২ (দুই)	৮ম শ্রেণী পাসসহ ভারী যানবাহন চালনায় লাইসেন্সধারী ও ২ বংসরের অভিজ্ঞতা।	৩০ বৎসর
155	গেষ্টেনার মেশিন অপারেটর	>64-5000/-	১ (এক)	৮ম শ্রেণী পাসসহ ৩ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা।	৩০ বৎসর
106	ভাগ্রর সাহায্যকারী	>000-2800/-	১ (এক)	৮ম শ্রেণী পাস।	৩০ বৎসর
28	নিরাপত্তা প্রহরী	\$\$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	২ (দুই)	সেনা/পুলিশ/আনসার বাহিনীতে অভিজ্ঞতাসহ ৮ম শ্রেণী পাস।	৩০ বংসর। অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তিদের ক্ষেত্রে ৪০ বংসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।
261	শ্রমিকঃ মেরিণ ফিটার - ২ ইলেকট্রিশিয়ান - ১ মেশিনিষ্ট - ১	\$660-5540/-	৪ (চার)	সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে ট্রেড কোর্স পাস এবং ৩ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসহ ৮ম শ্রেণী পাস।	৩০ বৎসর

২। চাকুরিরত প্রার্থীদেরকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে।

৩। আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক হইতে হইবে।

৪। আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের সদ্য তোলা ০৩ (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি, পূর্ণ জীবন বৃত্তান্ত, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, প্রশংসাপত্রসমূহের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি এবং ম্যানেজিং ডাইরেক্টর, খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড লিঃ এর অনুকূলে ৫০ টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফটসহ আবেদনপত্র আগামী ০৫ আগষ্ট ২০০৪ তারিখের মধ্যে ম্যানেজিং ডাইরেক্টর, খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড লিঃ, বাংলাদেশ নৌ বাহিনী, খুলনা বরাবরে পৌছাইতে হইবে।

ম্যানেজিং ডাইরেরর

Minu for more power | Tributes paid to local govts STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi raising salaries of UP chairmen and members to 5,000 taka and 3,000 taka

Rajshahi Mayor and BNP lawmaker Mizanur Rahman Minu on Friday urged the government to give more

power to local government leaders. He said this while addressing the divisional council meeting of the National Union Parishad Forum (Nupf) here as chief guest. He told local government leaders' empowerment is a prerequisite to strengthen local government institutions.

Speakers at the meeting placed their 12-point demand. The demands include stoppage of issuing notices which hinders Union Parishad's autonomy, returning UP resources, preventing lawmakers from meddling in UP activities,

to Ayesha Abed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Speakers at a discussion meeting on Sunday paid rich tributes to Ayesha Abed for her contribution towards establishment of women's empowerment in Bangladesh.

The discussion was organised by Ayesha Abed Foundation at its auditorium here to mark the 23rd anniversary of death of the great women's rights

The speakers remembered her with gratitude for employing thousands of women in her established foundation through which they are maintaining

tor Rafiqul Islam, senior central man-ager Hemangshu Badan Chakrabarti, programme organiser Sabina Yasmin, Sramajibi Shakti unit president Sufia Begum addressed the function.