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Bail prayer of **Golondaz** rejected again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

The bail prayer of Awami League lawmaker Altaf Hossain Golondaz was again rejected on Saturday by a magistrate's court in Mymensingh.

The lawmaker was sent back to jail after Magistrate Sayma Shahin Sultana rejected his bail prayer after hearing both the sides.

Golondaz was arrested on July 15 from Nakhalpara MP Hotel in Dhaka after his wife and daughter-in-law filed two separate cases with Gafargaon Police Station accusing him of torturing them for dowry on July 12.

Diarrhoea: One dead, 10 attacked in Bheramara

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

One person died of diarrhoea in Bheramara upazila on Saturday.

At least 100 others were attacked with the disease during the last five

The dead is Rezaul Islam, 48, of Satbaria village. About 30 patients were admitted in

Bherama Upazila Health Complex. But patients were not admitted there any more due to shortage of doctors.

On contact, Kushtia civil surgeon Dr Nazrul Hossain told this correspondent he is yet to receive any information about outbreak of the disease.

4 drown in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Three persons drowned in a boat capsize in the Koriral Beet in Nabinagar upazila on Saturday.

The victims are Bachchu Mia, Minnat Ali and Farid Mia. Their bodies were recovered later on the day.

They were among seven passengers on a country boat, which sank when caught in a gusty wind. They were going to Karinal village from Samogram, police said.

In another such incident, one Suman Mia drowned in the Bemalia Beel in Shahjadpur in Sarail upazila on the same day, police said.

'Don't send children to tobacco factories'

BTUK workshop told

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Workers' Education and Child Labour' urged the tobacco workers not to send their children to tobacco

BTUK (Bangladesh Trade Union Kendra), an organisation working to create awareness among tobacco workers about their rights, organised the workshop recently with assistance from ILO (International Labour Organisation) and IPEC (International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour).

BTUK programme coordinator Ahsan Nabab was in the chair.

About 80 labour leaders of eight tobacco factories in Daulatpur and the adjoining tobacco processing area attended the workshop.

According to a survey of BTUK, at least 25,000 workers and 5,000 children are working in eight big tobacco factories in Kushtia.

ILO representative Pracha Basu Prashad was present as chief guest, while it was addressed, among others, by BTUK general secretary Dr Wazedul Haq, Rafigul Islam, Mahabbubur Rahman and Jasim

Daulatpur upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) AKM Samsul Arefin opened the workshop.

20 injured in Kushtia clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

At least 20 people including three women were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers at Mirerpara village in Daulatpur upazila over land dispute on

A group was led by Akram, while the other by Mahatab. The groups locked in clash when Mahatab group tried to occupy a piece of land of Akram.

On information, Akram's men rushed to the spot with sharp weapons and attacked their rivals in the afternoon. Mahatab's men also

retaliated. Both the groups used lethal weapons in the clash leaving 20

persons injured. Injured Akram, 35, Jubeda Khatun, 40, Khairul Islam, 42, Mufazzel Hossain, 48, Rabea Khatun, 45, Safigul Islam, 32, and Rafiqul Islam, 36, were admitted to Daulatpur Health Complex.

FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY, CONTROL ON TOLL COLLECTION

30 hurt in BNP-Jamaat clashes in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Activists of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami, two components of the ruling alliance, were locked in daylong intermittent clashes in Jaldhaka upazila headquarter on Saturday, leaving at least 30 people injured and 35 shops damaged.

In the fight for supremacy in the Jamaat stronghold, the rival activists chased each other in groups, turning the small town into a battlefield as pedestrians and residents took to safety and shopkeepers downed

The Jamaat office was also attacked and damaged.

Four of the injured -- Safiar, Masud Rana, Shahidul and Sumon are being treated at Jaldhaka Upazila Health Complex for critical injuries, sources there said.

On Saturday night, law enforcers led by ADM Netai Pada and ASP Ali Azam conducted raids in different areas and arrested four persons with lethal weapons, official sources said.

They are Shamim, Maizanur, Rahim and Shahinoor. Police said four to five feet swords were recov- supremacy with their eyes also on ered from their possession but economicgains for party men.

declined to disclose their political identity. They were in Jaldhaka thana when this correspondent contacted the thana early afternoon yesterday. Police said a case has been filed against them under the Arms Act and they would be produced before court later on the day.

A source at the thana seeking anonymity said some Jamaat leaders were trying for their release.

As tension mounted yesterday, one platoon of riot police led by an ASP and a magistrate have been deployed there to avert fresh clash, administration sources in Nilphamari said.

Witnesses in Jaldhaka said BNP activists led by Anwarul Kabir Chowdhury took position in the Petrol Pump area and Jamaat activists at Jaldhaka Bazaar.

Protesting the clashes, businessmen in Jaldhaka called an indefinite strike from vesterday.

Sources said once 'comrades' in Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Anwarul Kabir Chowdhury and Jamaat leader Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury are now arch rivals, fighting for political

Anwarul Kabir is now Jaldhaka activists resisted the municipal municipal chairman and upazila BNP president while Mizanur Rahman is the lawmaker from Jaldhaka.

Their fight for supremacy is going on for long, both abusing each other

The local BNP and Jamaat had clashed on May I this year, which prompted central alliance leaders to arbitrate. State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haq Milon tried a patch-up but failed.

Sources said the clashes apparently centred plan for development of Jaldhaka Bazaar.

Jaldhaka municipality earlier took up plan to turn Jaladhaka Bazar into a business complex and construction of a supermarket. So it served eviction notices in unauthorised shops and installations in the market area.

But the Jamaat MP objected to

Anwarul Kabir allegedly used abusive words against Mizanur Rahman at Jaldhaka market recently. This angered Jamaat activists, party sources claimed.

Clashes ensued when Jamaat

authorities' eviction drive or Saturday.

But BNP and Jammat blamed each other for the clash.

Abdul Gani, general secretary of Nilphamari Jamaat, alleged that Kabir's comments evoked sponta-

neous protest by people. Terrorists (BNP men) led by Kabir first attacked the Jamaat office and local people resisted them", Gani claimed. "Kabir Chowdhury fled away in the face of public resis-

But BNP sources alleged that Jamaat workers equipped with lethal weapons first-attacked their party men in a pre-planned way.

Neither Mizanur Rahman nor Anwarul Kabir was available for comment yesterday.

Other sources in Jaldhaka said the Jaldhaka market is a big source of income. Besides shops, all trucks carrying boulders from nearby quarries and Burimari land port pass through Jaldhaka, which is a source of toll collection. Both BNP and Jamaat are now trying to control

BABU LAL MURDER

Hartal, protests, black flags in Uzirpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisat

A day-long hartal was observed and public meetings held in Uzirpur as black flags fluttered atop houses on Saturday in protest against the marder of freedom fighter and Workers Party (WP) central leader

Local WP and 11-Party Alliances called the hartal and organised the protest meetings, addressed by central leaders of the parties including WP chief Rashed Khan Menon and leaders of Hindu Buddha Christian Oikkya Parishad (HBCOP).

Babu Lal, 48, was shot dead and several others including his wife Shima Rani Shil, 35 and brother-inunidentified gun men sprayed bullet

on them at his Uzirpur Bandar residence Friday evening.

The killers had entered the drawing room during loadshedding and escaped by exploding bombs and chanting slogans in favour of Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB);

Shima Rani, Liton and two others--Kabir and Sumon-- are being treated at Barisal Medical College

It was the third political killing in Uzirpur upazila in three months. Babu Lal was also vice-president

of Barisal district Jubo Moitri and a leader of HBCOP Political circles in Uzirpur said

gangs as he tried to organise local

people against the toll collection, killings and other crimes. He had protested the murder of political leaders Nittayananda Master, Dr Hiralal and UP Chairman Aboni People spontaneously responded to the hartal, called to

protest the popular political leader. Speakers at the meetings demanded immediate arrest of the

killers and government steps to stop such killings. The body of Babu Lal was handed over to his relatives after autopsy at

Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. His family members did not file Babu Lal became the target of out- any case till writing of the report law Liton Shil, 30, were injured as lawed Sarbaharas and terrorist yesterday morning. Police could not arrest any of the killers.



The 11-Party Alliance brought out a procession in Barisal city on Saturday protesting the murder of Workers Party

They called upon primary teach-

ers to continue the movement to

realise their demand. They also

urged all the teachers to join the

grand rally to be held on July 24 at the

Later they submitted a memo-

randum to the Prime Minister

through the Deputy Commissioner

Central Shahid Minar in Dhaka.

to fulfill her earlier premise.

talents

examination this year.

Reception to

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A reception was accorded to 200

meritorious students of the district

who scored brilliant result in the

Secondary School Certificate (SSC)

(BCL), student wing of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu),

accorded the reception at

Sangskritik Biplobi Sangha audito-

rium in the town on Saturday.

Bangladesh Chhatra League

Satkhira pry teachers 'Readers Confce' rally to press demand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The Satkhira unit of Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers Association brought out a procession in the town, held a rally and blocked a main road on Saturday to press their demands including pay

About 2000 teachers took part in the programmes. The started from Shahid Abdur Razzan Park, paraded the main streets and then squatted on the road in front of Satkhira New Market and held a rally there, obstructing traffic.

The rally was addressed by, among others, Abdus Sattar, Nazim Ahmed, Sheikh Mujibar Rahman, Abdul Hamid, Rafigul Islam, Abdur Razzak adn Nimai Chandra.

The speakers said Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, while she was Leader of the Opposition, had expressed her solidarity with the movement of the non-government primary teachers. But she has forgotten her promise now.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

The readers' conference of Dainik Samatat Barta, a local Bangla daily, was held at Sur Samrat Ustad Alauddin Sangitangan here on Thursday. Brahmanbaria Press Club presi-

dent Mansur Kamal was in the chair. Brahmanbaria deputy commissioner (DC) Md Younusur Rahman was the chief guest, while additional police super (ASP) Md Jahangir Hossain and poet Maruful Islam were special guests.

The conference was also addressed, among others, by ADC (general) Mia Abdulla Memun, drama writer Mazedul Awal, ex-state minister advocate Humayun Kabir, advocate Hamidur Rahman PP, advocate Md Shafiqul Islam, special PP, district Red Crescent president Abdul Wahid Khan, district Nagrik Committee president advocate Abdus Samad, Professor Md Mojibur Rahman principal of Bramanbaria Government College, journalist Muhammad Musa and poet Md Joydul Hussain.

Later, a cultural function was also held at night on the day.

locked by JCD

CU CORRESPONDENT

The office of the vice chancellor (VC) of Chittagong University (CU) was locked for an hour by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists on

appointment of a Jamaat-backed eacher in the Finance department as its chairman violating university

sion was also brought out on the

The university authorities appointed Dr Md Zahiral Haq the chairman of the Finance department defying seniority rule. As per seniority it was Dr ANM Abdul Moktadir's turn to become the

Earlier, controversial Dr Md Zahiral Haq was sacked from the university in 1995 for an incident of question paper leakage. He got back his job during Justice juddin's regime on special

Dr ANM Abdul Moktadir handed over a complaint to Pro VC Professor Dr M Shamsuddin on the day seeking justice. The VC is now staying in

5 JU students expelled

JU CORRESPONDENT

Five students were expelled from Jahangirnagar University (JU) on Saturday for their involvement in illegal activities on the campus.

The university authorities took the decision at a Disciplinary Committee meeting held with Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Khandekar Mustahidur Rahman in the chair.

They are Masum Billah, Shafiqul Islam Shafique, Rakibul Hasan Rush, H M Solaiman Litu, all students of Drama and Dramatics (DD) department and Sagar, a first year student of Government and Politics

Founding anniversary observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

The third founding anniversary of Nabinagar Reporters Club was held at Nabinagar Upazila Auditorium

Nabinagar Upaizla Nirbahi Officer Md Abdus Sattar was the chief guest while the Club President Prof. Kanti Kumer Bhattachariya was in the chair.

Md Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, principal of Nabinagar Hovernment College inaugurated the function. Nabinagar Poura Administrator

Md. Malai Mia, Assistant Police Superintendent Md. Abdul Mabud, headmaster Abdul . Karim and Brahmanbaria Press Club Secretary Mohammad Arzoo ware also pres-

The function was addressed by, among others, Upazila Agriculture Officer Shahidul Haq, Biswanath Ghosh and Brahmanbaria Reporters Club Organising Secretary Md. Abdul Hasnal.

A large number of enthusiastic local people also attended the func-

CUVC's office

JCD activists were protesting the

A meeting was held and a proces-

He further mentioned that villag-

field terming him as a killer. He died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. fabricated' Mukul's family members

said the case was lodged to save Bangla Bhai and his cadres. No case was filed by the family members so far for fear of revenge by

Sources said, identified JMJB

cadres kidnapped poultry business-man Mukul, loyal to Awami League from his Konopara house on April 11

JMJB cadres took him to Taherpur School field in the evening and beat him up with iron rods and hockey sticks after hanging him upside down from a bamboo of a dais made for an Islamic meeting.

Afterwards, Mukul was handed over to police who first shifted him to igmara hospital and later shifted to RMCHwhere he died on April 18.

Mukul's family members claimed that Bangla Bhai himself beat Mukul in presence of policemen and sound

tial persons", according to an investigation report of Taskforce against Forture, a human rights (HR) organi-

PDB engineers save Tk 5 crore forex

Gas turbine overhauled at Ashuganj Power Station without foreign experts

SHEIKH SHAHIDUL ISLAM, B'baria

Bangladeshi engineers have done a remarkable job by overhauling a huge gas turbine at Ashugonj Power Station, which was done by foreign engineers earlier.

This saved around Tk five crore in foreign currency, a high official at the plant told this correspondent

The Gas Turbine-1 (GT-1), which went out of order eight month back, is now generating 40 MW power daily after overhauling. The GT-I unit was installed by

UK-based GEC Company in 1982. Its first overhauling was done in 1992 by foreign engineers and technicians at a cost of Tk 2.5 crore.

It went out of order and needed overhauling again.

Ashugonj Power Station authorities took permission from higher authorities to overhaul the unit with

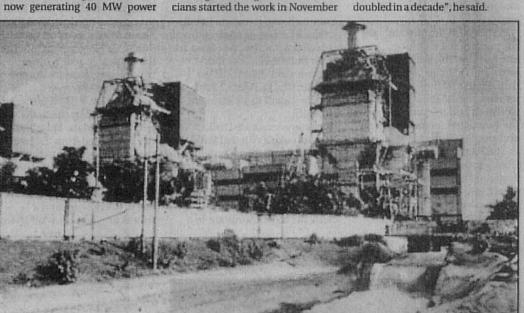
local engineers. Bangladesh engineer and techni-

last year and successfully completed the work late last month.

"It is now in optimum production after trial operation, the official

"This is a great job done by our

engineers". "It would have cost around Tk five crore if done by foreign engineers because service charge and cost of equipment have almost



A partial view of Ashugonj Power Station.

BAGMARA TRADER MURDER

Police file case after 88 days of incident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police on Thursday filed a case after 88 days of killing of businessman Golam Rabbani Mukul by the cadres of Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh

In the case, Sub-inspector (SI) Abu Siddiquee of Bagmara police station mentioned Golam Rabani Mukul of Konopara, Bagmara as a member of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist

ers lynched him at Taherpur school Terming the case as 'false and

of torture on him was made public throughloudspeaker. "Mukul had no link with outlaws, but he had enmity with local influen-

Magura AL councils held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Councils of Magura Pourasava and Shalikha thana units of Awami League (AL) were held yesterday and the day

A 51-member Magura pourasava AL committee with advocate Rafiqui Akbar Nanna as its president and Md Baki Imam as general secretary was formed at its council held at Asaduzzaman Auditorium, Advocate Rafiqul Akbar presided.

The party also formed a 71-member Shalikha thana committee with Munshi Israveel Hossain and Advocate Shyamol Kumar Dev as president and general secretary council held on Arpara College pre mises. District AL convener Md Altaf Hossain presided over the council.

The councils were addressed by, among others, former state minister Talukder Abdul Khaleque MP, Prof Md Serajul Akber MP, former MP Biren Shikder and district AL joint convener Abu Nasir Bablu. Earlier on April 11, Shalikha thana

AL council ended in squabbles over

whether there would be election or

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Factory Inspection and Pre-shipment Inspection Agent Invitation for Bids No: GTCL/A-M/MP/PSI/008 Short description of works/services Factory inspection and pre-shipment inspection of Line Pipe production and subsequent production of 3LPE & CWC

(non-refundable) US\$ 30.00 or Tk. 2000.00 US\$ 1,250.00 or Tk. 75,000.00 coating of line pipes as per API 5L specification for

Cost of tender documents

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Mode of payment

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transmission of natural gas to be imported from India.

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