

# Mass agitation after Eid

## AL leader Motia Chy tells public meet at Palashbari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

The party in power had said in its election pledge that people will live in peace if they vote for 'paddy sheaf' but now paddy is beyond commonman's reach, front ranking Awami League leader Motia Chowdhury has said.

"Husk is being sold at Tk 16 now", the former agriculture minister said at a public meeting at Palashbari on Monday.

"There is no difference now between BNP and the forces defeated in 1971", she said at the meeting held on S M High school ground organised by the 14-party opposition alliance.

Together, they have created an image abroad that Bangladesh is a country sheltering fundamentalists and "terrorists". The country and its

people are suffering for that, the AL presidium member said.

She bitterly criticised the government for deaths in "crossfire. This is killing without trial and violation of people's fundamental rights.

The 4-party alliance government is obstructing people's protests against the killings and repression by ruling party men. They are trying politically liquidate the opposition to stay in power.

The government is doing these in the name of improving law and order, but it has not improved, she claimed.

She urged the people to unite to launch a movement against the government's "misdeeds". Awami League will launch a mass movement after the Eid-ul-Azha to dislodge the government.

Turning to the economic front, the AL leader said several thousand

small and medium industries have been closed since the takeover by the government because of its wrong policy.

"Jute mill workers barricaded railway and roads in Khulna today to realise their eight-point demand", she said.

Mentionably, workers of two jute mills in Khulna are agitating to press their eight-point demand including a halt to retrenchment.

The former minister said this government has closed down Adamjee Jute Mills, the biggest industry in the country, throwing several thousand employees out of jobs. Some other jute mills in Jessore are also sick now, facing closure. Prices of essentials including rice have gone beyond the reach of the commonman. They expressed "no confidence" against the government

through a massive participation in the cross-country December 11 human wall from Teknaf to Tentulia, said Motia.

This government is sheltering godfathers of criminals and killing leaders and activists of opposition parties indiscriminately. Such killings will not go unchallenged by people, she said.

Presided over by Palashbari Awami League President Toffazal Hossain, the meeting was addressed by, among others, central AL Organising Secretary Mahamudur Rahman Manna, party central leader Fazley Rabbi, Workers Party Politbureau member Fazley Hossain Badsha, CPB (Communist Party of Bangladesh) central leader Shahadat Hossain, and Gaibandha Awami League President Mohammed Khaled.

# FACTIONAL CLASH

## 10 Jubo Dal activists hurt in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

At least 10 Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists were injured, five of them seriously, in a clash between Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal activists on Sunday.

The attack was a sequel to JCD factional feud, according to injured JCD activists.

According to JCD district unit Secretary Gazi Asfaque Rahman, 15 Jubo Dal activists equipped with sticks and lethal weapons attacked the JCD men when they were on a discussion at Subidkhali Bazaar in Mirzaganj upazila. The ten injured JCD men include its secretary Idris Ali. Three of them were admitted to local upazila health complex but they left the health complex after a threat given by the Jubo Dal leaders after an hour. Other injured persons took treatment at different places privately.

Mirzaganj police denied to receive the case, claimed JCD leaders.

However, the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of the police station denied the charge.

# AL factions clash at council: 15 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

At least 15 party activists were injured when two factions of Awami League clashed at the party's triannual conference at Shakhahar union in Gobindaganj upazila on Monday.

Police said they fired five blank shots to quell the clashes, also marked with chase and counter-chase.

The conference had started at Alligao Madrasa ground with district AL Joint Secretary Abu Bakker Siddique in the chair. Activists belonging to one faction started a chaos, claiming that some 'fake councilors' were at the meeting.

Their rivals opposed them, ensuing a heated exchange of words. In presence of police, they soon fell upon each other with sticks and lethal weapons, leaving 15 people injured.

Police tried to calm them but failed. They then fired blank shots and charged batons to disperse the clashing AL activists.

# Prompt police action foils bus dacoity bid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *B'baria*

Prompt action by police saved bus passengers from being attacked by dacoits at Debidwar on the Brahmanbaria-Chittagong highway on Monday.

Acting on a tip off, two police teams led by Brahmanbaria Sadar thana OC Md Ismail and Debidwar thana OC Abul Kalam Azad stopped a bus and arrested six inter-district dacoits at about 4 am Monday. The bus was coming to Brahmanbaria from Chittagong.

Police identified the alleged dacoits as Shahin Mia, Ahmed Ali, Abdus Salam, Ahmed Ali, Md Hanif, Abdus Salam, Nazir Hossain, and Abul Kalam.

A case was filed with Debidwar thana. Police said the arrested persons were wanted in several cases filed with different thanas in Comilla and Brahmanbaria districts.

# Brisk trading of fake fertiliser in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

Brisk business in fake fertiliser is going on unabated in the district.

This is because of mushroom growth of fake fertiliser factories everywhere, according to Bangladesh Fertiliser Association (BFA), Magura unit President Sheikh Shifiquil Islam.

Fake Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) branding as 'Made in China' are produced there, according to a farmer at Sitarampur village in the Sadar upazila Ahmed Ali Biswas. TSP is produced by mixing a certain quantity of Gypsum and Dolomite with cement and mud, he added.

"Former Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Superintendent of Police (SP) visited the clandestine factories in our village nine months back, but the authorities did not nab the culprits," he said to The Daily Star. "Because the factory is allegedly run by the brother-in-law of a top thana BNP leader," he added.

Another farmer of Arpara village Sakhawati Mia told this correspondent farmers are being cheated procuring fake TSP from local markets.

The Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture Extension, Magura (DAE), Osul Islam told The Daily Star there is no officially approved TSP factory in the district.

# Free society from fanaticism

## Left leaders say at Amal Sen's death anniversary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jessore*

Leaders of left-leaning parties on Monday called for materialising the dream of communist leader Amal Sen by establishing a society free from religious fanaticism.

They were addressing a commemorative meeting held at Banki High School ground at Amol Sen's native village in Bagharpara upazila in Jessore on the second death anniversary of the great leader. A two-day fair was also organised there on the occasion.

Amal Sen was a leader of the Tebhaga Andolon (farmers' movement for greater share of crops), a pioneer in communist movement in Bangladesh and one of the organisers of the War of Independence.

Monday's programme began with placing of wreaths by leaders at the Amol Sen Memorial in the morning.

With Sukumar Das in the chair, the meeting was addressed by among others, Workers Party

President Rashed Khan Memon, its Secretary General Bimol Biswas and party leader Iqbal Kabir Jahid, CPB (Communist Party of Bangladesh) General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, Gano Azadi League President Abdus Samad, Shamyabadi Dal central leader Abu Hamid Shahbuddin and Rabindra Nath Biswas.

Menon said, Amal Sen did not belong to any party. He was a leader of the downtrodden and all left parties drew inspiration from him.

"We shall have to take a vow to materialise the dream of Amal Sen and finish his unfinished task", he said.

On the occasion, the roads in neighboring ten villages including Kamalpur, Ghoranach, Dogachi, Hatiara, Bakli, Malait and Tularampur were decorated with red flags and banners. Several colourful gates were also erected.

Thousands of men, women and children paid homage to the lake leader of the Tebhaga movement.

# 8 get life for killing schoolboy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Manikganj*

Eight people were sentenced to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) by a court here on Monday for killing a schoolboy.

The convicts are Mizanoor Rahman, Alamgir, Sukumar Haldar, Abdul Karim, Habi, Zulhas, Motaleb and Khokon Saha alias Provart Kumar Saha of Notun Para in Shivalaya.

The court also fined each of them Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer one year more RI in the sensational school student Rabiul Islam murder case.

Additional Sessions Judge Md Motahar Hossain pronounced the verdict.

Rabiul Islam, a student of class nine of Shivalaya Government High school was killed by the culprits after physical torture on September 21, 1998.

# Three jailed for abduction, rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Manikganj*

A court here on Monday sentenced one person to 60 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and two others to 20 years RI for abduction and rape.

The convicts are Babu Khan, Badsha Khan and Kaiyum. Babu Khan was jailed for 60 years while each of Badsha Khan and Kaiyum were jailed for 20 years.

Babu Khan and his accomplices abducted a student of class eight from their house at Notunpara in Shivalaya on January 4, 2002. They took her to Chittagong where they raped her.

# 'Criminal' snatched from police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Four drug peddlers on Sunday snatched a young man from police custody.

However, identity of the youth is yet to be known.

The youth was arrested with heroin from Senpara in Daulatpur Police Station, police said.

According to eye-witnesses, constable Alamgir was injured in attack by the drug peddlers.

Locals alleged that drug traders carry on the illegal trade in Daulatpur of the city in connivance with a section of policemen and ruling party leaders.

# 89 killed by outlaws last year in 10 SW dists

## Janajuddho terms them as 'class enemies'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

Janajuddho of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) has claimed the responsibility of killing 89 'class enemies' in 10 southwestern districts last year.

The claim was made through their organ 'Janajuddho Publication'.

Kushtia police seized 2,000 copies of its December issue from the town.

The victims included political leaders, public representatives, businessmen, journalists, farmers and 'rivals' belonging to other underground parties.

Prominent among the victims were Khulna Journalist Manik Saha and Mongla BNP leader, Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Partha Pratim Roy, Batiaghata upazila BNP leader Amir Azam, Khulna city Awami League leader Afaz Hossain

Labu, Mongla Pourasabha Commissioner Abdul Baten and Rupsa Jubo League leader Sahidul. They were killed within January 15 to March 18.

Janajuddho cadres killed 'arch rivals' Sarwar, Nozer and Fakrul in Jhenaidah on March 23. Five of their 'rivals' Matiar, Joynal, Bakka, Asabul and Abdul were killed in Chuadanga on April 24 while two lessees Sahidul and Kuti were killed on April 18.

A government employee, Biswarat Ali, posted at Laxmipur baor (water body) was killed on May 7. Fisheries Officer Oliar Rahman of government-owned Kortchadpur Joydia water body was killed on May 21.

Three persons named Monzer, Kanga and Alam were in Chuadanga on May 28. Five of their 'rivals' Lutfur, Bazul, Nazrul, Jalil and Akbar were killed on May 24.

Journalist Humayun Kabir Balu

was killed in Khulna on June 27.

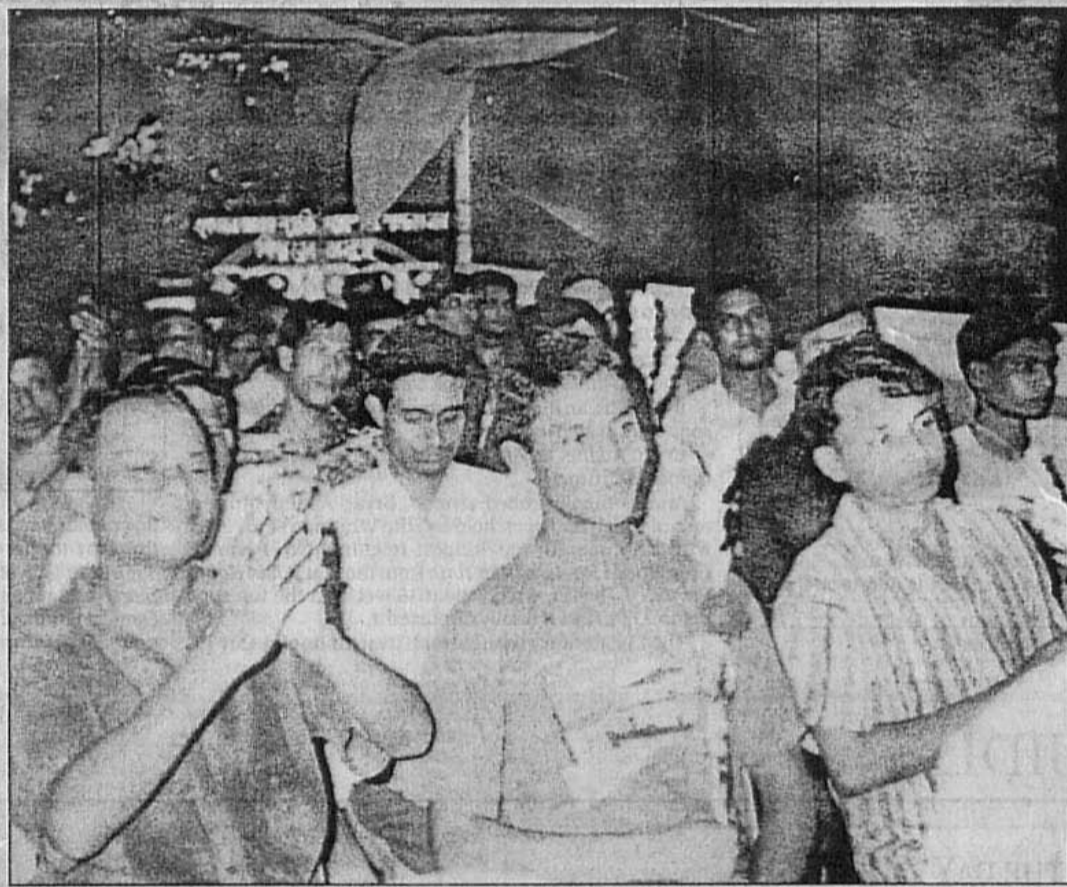
Nurul Haq and Moni of Bagerhat were killed on July 15. Two of their 'rivals' Pinjor and Arif were killed on July 28.

Two other 'rivals' Kajol and Shilpi Khatun were killed on September 8. Gangni Pourasabha Chairman Amirul Islam was killed on September 30.

Mirpur upazila BNP President Mamunur Rashid Khan Choudhury Babu was killed on September 12. Rehana, a female outlaw was killed on September 21.

Janajuddho cadres killed two 'rivals' Rahim and Kafil in Chuadanga on September 23.

Union Parishad (UP) member Basha was killed in Chuadanga on October 3. Two brothers named Rafiqul and Sariful were killed in Chuadanga on October 11.



Some of the young former drug addicts with rajanigandha followers in hand at the farewell after treatment at Asru in Brahmanbaria town on Sunday.

# SNAPS

## Art exhibition held in Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

An art exhibition was held at the green plaza of the Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) building on Monday. The RCC and the Christian City Friendship Committee of Norway jointly organised the exhibition. A delegate of the Norwegian Christian City Committee led by photo journalist Hakon Lislav Roud and other children visited the exhibition. The delegate members exchanged views with the RCC officers and staff. Among others, Prof PP Sarker, Prof FB Biswas, civil society members and journalists were present. City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu MP, during his address remembered with gratitude the help of the Norwegian government and the people of Christian City for Bangladesh people in 1971. A cultural function was also organised in honour of the Christian delegates.

## 18 brick field owners face certificate cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Eighteen brick field owners face certificate cases for non-payment of Value Added Tax (VAT). The Customs and the VAT circle, Satkhira has filed the cases with the respective courts for realisation of outstanding Tk 14,35,000 lakh till December 31 last year. Fifty more brick field owners will also face similar cases for non-payment of VAT amounting to Tk 70 lakh, according to Md Dad Elahi of the Customs and the VAT circle. There are 92 brick fields in seven upazilas, according to the district administration. Five of the brick fields are being run without licence.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
 Directorate of Relief & Rehabilitation  
 Disaster Management & Relief Building  
 Office of the Project Director  
 (Disaster Shelter Construction in South-West Region of Bangladesh Project  
 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka  
 Tender No. DRR/Engg-স্বত্ব/1/2004-05/06 Dated: 05-01-2005

### Amendment

Under unavoidable circumstance, the undermentioned amendments are brought to the Tender Notice issued vide Directorate of Relief & Rehabilitation dated: 22-12-2004 for construction of 10 shelters under Disaster Shelter Construction in South-West Region of Bangladesh project.

In para 05 of the notice : Date & time of getting tender schedule: 17-01-05 to 27-01-05 during office hours.  
 In para 08 of the notice : Date of submitting tender: 29-01-2005 up to 12:00 noon.  
 In para 09 of the notice : Date & place of opening tender: 29-01-2005 at 12:30 pm. Place: Office of the Project Director, Directorate of Relief & Rehabilitation, 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka.

Other terms & conditions of notice shall remain unchanged.

**Md Fazlur Rahman Khan**  
 Director (FFW)  
 &  
 Project Director

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# Flowers in hand, 'no' to drugs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *B'baria*

Sixty former drug addicts walked out of a drug cure centre amid cheers from people, vowing to work against drug use and peddling.

They were given a warm farewell by the authorities of the centre on Sunday. The function was also attended by the elite of the small town.

All those cured at the centre are young men, including students. They were treated for about a month.

The centre-Ashru-- cured 558 drug addicts in last three years.

Of them, 78 were graduates from colleges, 35 MA degree holders, two police men and a lawyer.

Mozammel Haque, director of Ashru, said doctors of the centre also treated 35 women outpatients aged between 20 to 28, who were not registered with it.

Sajib of Paikpara in Brahmanbaria town said had become addicted due to bad company.

The centre was set up in 2002. Mozammel said drug addiction, is increasing and most of the victims are young men including students.

## Steps to stop smuggling of hides and skin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangpur*

Deputy Commissioner Rafiqul Islam at a meeting with high officials of BDR and police asked them to Step up vigilance along the border so that hides and skin can not be smuggled to India after the Eid-ul-Azha.

Tannery owners also attended the meeting held at the collectorate building.

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গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অশয়্য রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।

### Invitation for Tenders

1.	Tender name	Construction of 2-storied dormitory (4-storied foundation) at Ashuganj Gas Manifold Station, B'baria.
2.	Source of funds	Government of Bangladesh.
3.	Tender Package No	DD/Const/08/2004-2005.
4.	Invitation for tenders Ref & date	GTCL/A-M/PM/026, Date: 03.01.2005.
5.	Time for completion of the works	180 (one hundred eighty) days.
6.	Eligibility of tenderers	1 <sup>st</sup> class civil contractor of Petrobangla, any government, semi-government or autonomous organization.
7.	Price of tender document	Tk 2,000.00 (two thousand) only (non-refundable).
8.	Amount of tender security	Tk 75,000.00 (seventy five thousand) only.
9.	Name and address of the office selling tender document	Accounts Department, Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL), House # 1, Road # 12, Sector # 3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230.
10.	Name and address of the office receiving & opening tenders	GTCL's Board Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor), Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL), House # 1, Road # 12, Sector # 3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230.
11.	Date and time for selling tender document	24.01.2005 to 23.02.2005 during office hours.
12.	Last date and time for submission of tenders	24.02.2005 up to 12:00 Noon.
13.	Date and time for opening of tenders	Tender will be opened on 24.02.2005 at 12:30 pm before the Tender Opening Committee at GTCL's Board Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor), Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL), House # 1, Road # 12, Sector # 3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230. Intending tenderers may remain present during opening tenders. Tenderer's authorized representatives are also allowed to attend.
14.	Special instructions	(a) The eligible contractors as stated in clause-6 may purchase the tender document by himself or his representative on furnishing of the authorized letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor. (b) The contractor shall have to submit the enlistment certificate, VAT registration certificate, TIN certificate, bank solvency certificate, trade licence for the year 2003-2004, original money receipt etc. (c) Rate must be quoted both in figures & in words for each item of works in the bill of quantities of Section-6. (d) Tenderers shall have to submit analysis of rate with the tender in support of their quoted rate to demonstrate internal consistency for those prices with the construction methods and schedule proposed. (e) The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.
15.	Brief descriptions of works and related services	Construction of 2-storied dormitory (4-storied foundation).

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