SNAPS

Nilphamari Bar polls held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Advocate Azizul Hasan, advocate Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury Shamim backed by ruling BNP and Jamaat-e-Iskami, were elected president, vicepresident and general Secretary respectively of Nilphamari Bar Association in the polls held on Friday. A total of 192 voters were cast in the election held at the bar office. Though the election was held on a non-party basis, Awami League bagged posts of four office bearers.

affected the ecology and economy of Bangladesh. If the river inter-linking project is implemented, a desertification process will start in the country, they said at the seminar on 'Farakka, River Inter-linking and Bangladesh', held at Sunderganj upazila audito-

out consulting Bangladesh.

Prof Dr Jasimiuddin Ahmed, former Vice Chancellor of Jahangir

Munshi, former Vice Principal of Carmichael College; former UN Environment Specialist and Senior Vice President of International Farakka Committee Dr Saidul Islam Khan; Syed Erfanul Bari, member secretary, Mowlana Bhasani Trust; Kazi Mostafa Kamal, member secretary, International Farakka Committee; its president Aminul Islam Golap, its Gaibandha district Mahbuber Rahman Mukta.

percent of its water from rivers flowing from India and only seven percent

situation if the 93 per cent of water is withdrawn after the river inter-linking project is implemented, they said.

Besides the Farakka, Indian government erected another barrage kilometre upstream of Teesta barrage project at Dalia in Bangladesh and continued to withdraw water for their

13 lakh 35 thousand acres of land in 35 Upazilas of Nilphamari, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Gaibnahda, Joypurhat and Bogra. But due to the withdrawal at Gajodouba crops are

Project name

Source of funds

Tender name

Tender package No.

Invitation for tenders ref. & date

Time for completion of work

Eligibility of tenderers

Price for tender document

security/earnest money

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opening of tenders

Special instructions

receiving & opening tenders

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Name and address of the office

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Amount

Protests mount in Rajshahi

Police kept Chittagong City Awami League office at Darul Fazal Market locked again yesterday keeping party leaders and activists inside (left) and a road in

14-party alliance and front organisations hold rallies, processions to condemn Habiganj attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Awami League-led 14 party alliance continued protests in Rahshahi yesterday against the Habiganj grenade attack that killed AL stalwart and former finance minister SAMS Kibria and four other party leaders.

The alliance held a big protest rally at the Zero Point in the city.

With Rajshahi AL President Masudul Haque Dulu in the chair, the rally was addressed by, among others, Workers Party Politburo member Fazle Hossain Badshah, Rajshahi city AL General Secretary AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, Rajshahi CPB (Communist Party of Bangladesh) Secretary Enamul Haque, JDS Secretary

Abdullah Al Masud and Sammilito Sangskritik Jote President Sayed Shafiqul Islam.

Bitterly condemning the attack on Kibria, they said this was like the August 21 attacks on Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka last

These prove that proliberation and progressive forces are being killed in a planned way by certain quarters as part of a blue print.

Fazle Hossain Badshah said the BNP-Jamaat government the planned attacks to eliminate opposition forces.

NATIONAL

There are three governments in the country now, one headed by Khaleda Zia, another by Tarique Zia and the third by Jamaat Ameer Nizami whose home minister is Bangla Bhai",

The Habiganj attack was made to hide Bangla Bhai's activities in Rajshahi"

Khairuzzaman Liton said Bangla Bhai's militant groups sheltered by the government masterminded the attack. He called upon all pro-liberation

must bear the responsibility for and secular forces to unite to resist religious extremists.

"Anti- liberation forces are out to finish their job left unfinished in 1971 by killing progressive forces"

Enamul Haque said the Habiganj incident was not an isolated one. It is linked to all previous bomb and grenade

Separate processions and protest rallies were also held by components of the 14-party alliance and their front organisations in Laxmipur, Upashahar, Talaimari, Shalbagan and Shaheb Bazar areas in the city.

Schools ignore Education

Untrained women teachers recruited in

trained under the project in

The training was aimed at pro-

Since launch of the programme

viding rural women graduates with

jobs in non-government high

in 1998, 910 educated rural women

completed B-Ed course but only

126 of them were absorbed in

As per the directive, non-

government high schools have to

recruit 30 per cent of teachers from

among those trained under the

The Project Liaison Officer in

Raishahi division.

schools, they said.

Promote Project.

Directorate order

Nilphamari for donation

Bangla Bhai in Satkhira?

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

'Bangla Bhai' scare has gripped the people at a remote village in Shyamnagar upazila as Tk 50,000 has been demanded from a man in a letter sent in the name of so-called

The letter received by Mahadev Mondal of Ronjan Nagar village yesterday also threatened him of 'dire nsequences' for non-compliance. Quoting local people police said

the letter was kept in a pot in the The letter said, "We want Tk 50,000. Keep the money in the pot at the same place within seven days.

Otherwise, you, your son and wife

will be killed Mahadev Mondal and neighbours showed the latter to local Union Parishad member Anwarul Islam

who handed it over to police. When contacted, Shyamnagar police said, they are investigating the

matter and will take necessary

Export-import resumes thru' Bhomra land port

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Export-import through Bhomra land port resumed on Saturday after nine days' suspension as Indian authorities had stopped vehicle movement on the 11km Ghojadanga-Basirhat road on the other side of the border for reconstruction work

At least 1000 loaded trucks were stranded across the border causing heavy loss to traders of both the coun-

The road was opened for vehicles on Friday. Over 50 trucks loaded with goods entered into the port on Saturday, sources there said

Earlier, export-import through the land port remained suspended from October 18 to 27 last year as the Ghojadanga Citizen's Committee called a strike in the area demanding reconstruction of the road.

Rangpur, Khandokar Din

Mohammad when contacted said

Tk one and half lakh is given to

schools by the project for recruiting

women under the programme. But

many schools do not take this

advantage to appoint their "desired

of 90 trained women is in process

trained under the project, the

financial assistance from donors

will be taken back. The project

period expires in December this

Dewan and Naksatryalal Dev

Burmon while HDC members from

Khagrachhari Mohammed Harun

and Anupam Tripura and U Sa Hla

He however said appointment

He said if educated rural women

candidates".

More bodies decry grenade attack

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Anti Imperialism Teachers Forum of Rajshahi University in a statement yesterday strongly condemned the killing of Awami League stalwart and former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and four other party activists in a grisly grenade attack at Boidder Bazar in Habiganj on

They said the nation has lost a renowned diplomat, economist and political figure in his death.

The also said, the government has no right to remain in power as it has failed to maintain law and order and

ensure life security to people They demanded trial and punish ment to the culprits.

In a condolence message, they also prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Pro-liberation Doctors' Association, Mahila Parishad, Progressive Lawyers' Forum, Rajshahi unit of Bangladesh Krishak League; Chhatra Moitri, Rajshahi Metropolitan Press Club, Rajshahi University Journalists Association and Muktijuddho Pathagar, among many other organisations, issued statements condemning the attack and demanding punishment of the culprits.

CAMPAIGN BEARS FRUIT

9 year-old girl avoids her early marriage

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

It was a protest against child marriage and a message to all parents not to arrange such early marriage. The simple incident took place at remote Dakhin Bhabanipur

village in Bheramara upazila. Nine-year old Shilpi Khatun is a student of class four at Dakhin Bhabanipur Primary School. Her poor peasant father Yunus Ali had

old neighbour Ijan Ali. Shilpi did not agree to the marriage but dared not to protest. The marriage was scheduled for Saturday evening.

arranged her marriage with 23-year

On Thursday, Shilpi went to school as usual and narrated the matter to her friends. Her class-

others went to the office of a local Uddipon, and asked its officials to do something.

The NGO officials with some villagers led by Dharampur Union Parishad Chairman Arman Hossain requested Shilpi's father to stop the marriage. He agreed and informed Ijan Ali. But Ijan was determined to Shilpi's neighbours then came

and warned him not to proceed further and threatened of legal action for non-compliance. Being afraid, sljan fled home. Uddipon official Sahidul Islam

later told this correspondent that Shilpi had attended its pre-school progarmme years back, when she

4 to die, 4 get life for murder in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal Speedy Trial Tribunal (STT) yesterday gave death sentence to four persons and life term jail to another four in a sensational murder case in Patuakhali town in 2001.

STT Judge Ma Matin pronounced he verdict at a crowded courtroom in absence of six of the convicts.

They were convicted for killing Sikander Howlader, 30, at Kalikapur n Patuakhali town at about 1 PM on January 4, 2001. They had hacked him with sharp weapons in presence of many people. Howlader died at hospital on the same day.

The persons given death sen-tence are Abul Hossain Mridha, Delwar Hassain, Monir Mridha and Golam Mawla. Those given life term include Abul Kashem Mridha, Earook Mridha, Md Khokon and Abdul Majid Mridha. All except Abul Kashem Mridha and Abdul Maii Mridha are absconding. The were in the dock when the ver was announced.

Howlader's wife Rani Begum h a case with Kotwali thana on Janau, 5, 2001 accusing 13 people.

Twenty-three prosecution witnesses were examined during the trial, court sources said.

তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এভ ডিক্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী) ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ কাওরান বাজার বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১২১৫ ফ্যাব্রঃ ৭৬১৭৪৬০, ফোনঃ ৯৭৫০০১৮, ৭৬১৬৩৮২

সত্র নং-আবিবি-১/প্রঃ রাঃ/৩১

তারিখঃ ২৭.০১.২০০৫ইং

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

কোম্পানীর নারায়ণগঞ্জ, সিদ্ধিরগঞ্জ, ফতুল্লা, বন্দর, মুন্সিগঞ্জ, সদরখানা, পূর্বপাড়, মুক্তারপুর, ফেরিঘাট, সোনারগাঁও, আড়াই হাজার, রূপগঞ্চ এলাকার সকল গ্রাহকদের ঠিকানায় প্রত্যয়নপত্র পৌছানোর জন্য অভিজ্ঞ কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে পুনঃ দরপত্র আহ্বান কর

তিতাস গ্যাস কোম্পানীর আবিকা-নারায়ণগঞ্জ, ফতুরা ও মুন্সিগঞ্জ এলাকার (আবিকা) কার্যালয়সমূহ হইতে ইস্যুক্ত "প্রভায়নপত্র"

সংশ্রিষ্ট গ্রাহকদের ঠিকানায় বিলি করা।

৬ ২০০.০০ (দুইশত) টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য।

मत्रभव मिन्दात ३

जार्स्म्यानि

তারিখ ও সময়

ঃ যে কোন তফসিলভুক্ত বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক হইতে

৬ ৯,০০০ (নয় হাজার) টাকা এর ব্যাংক দরপত্র ক্রয়ের

১০.০২.০৫ইং হইতে ১৪.০২.০৫ইং পর্যন্ত সকল কার্যদিবসে প্রত্যহ সকাল ০৯৩০০ হইতে

ক) নগদ ও ব্যাংক শাখা, হিসাব বিভাগ, তিতাস গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি কোং লিঃ, ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল

খ) আঞ্চলিক বিক্রয় বিভাগ-১, তিতাস গ্যাস টি

এভ ডি কোং লিঃ, ৩৬, চাষাড়া (২য় তলা)

वानुत भाठे, नाताग्रवशक्ष ।

দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না ১৫.০২.০৫ইং সকাল ০৯.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে দরপত্র গ্রহণের ঃ

তারিখ ও সময় দরপত্র দাখিলের

বেলা ১১.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। ক) প্রধান কার্যালয়, তিতাস গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি काः निः, ১०৫, काजी मजरून ইमनाम

এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। খ) আঞ্চলিক বিক্রয় বিভাগ-১, তিতাস গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি কোং লিঃ, ৩৬, ঢাষাড়া (২য় তলা) वानूत माठे, नातास्रवश्य ।

দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও

১৫.০২.০৫ইং বেলা ১৩ঃ০০ ঘটিকায় আঞ্চলিক বিক্রম বিভাগ-১, তিতাস গ্যাস টি এভ ডি কোং লিঃ, ৩৬, চাষাড়া (২য় তলা), বালুর মাঠ,

১০। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত সময় ও তারিখে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা সম্ভব না হইলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে নির্ধারিত স্থানে ও সময়ে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে। এই ব্যাপারে আলাদা কোন নোটিশ প্রদান করা হইবে

১১। কোন দায়-দায়িত গ্রহণ ও কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের অধিকার অত্র কোম্পানী

বিনা প্রয়োজনে গ্যাসের চুলা জ্বত

থাকলে জাতীয় সম্পদ বিনষ্ট হয়।

তিতাস/জনসংযোগ-৯৯/২০০৪-০৫

Hill District Councils may demand more benefits

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Despite a directive from the

Secondary and Higher Secondary

Education Directorate, non-

government high schools in the

district are not recruiting rural

women having B-Ed training done

under the "Promote Project' sup-

ported by the European

At least 60 such trained women

are now jobless in the district

though schools are recruiting

teachers, often with alleged brib-

ery or donation, sources claimed.

The 60 are among 784 rural women

Commission

The chairmen and members of Hill District Councils (HDCs) of Rangamati and Khagrachhari at a meeting here on Saturday decided to place a demand to the government for enhancement of their remuneration and discussed some proposals for strengthen HDCs.

They did not take final decisions

meeting due to hartal. Another meeting will be held next month where final decisions will be taken, said Rangamati HDC member U Sa Hla Roaza after the meeting.

conference room of Rangamati

as Bandarban HDC chairman and Khagrachhari HDCs Dr. Maniklal

The meeting was held at the

The meeting participated by Chairmen of Rangamati and

Roaza from Rangamati joined, sources said. The remuneration of HDC chairman and members fixed about a

decade ago is very small now, said USa HDCs have to be empowerment for development of the three hill districts, he added.

hours of December 20.

December 13.

sion after arrest.

Top cadre of Janajuddho, Abu

Bakar of Alokdia village in Jhenidah

sadar upazila was killed in 'crossfire'

with police at Talshar village in

Kotchandpur upazila on the night of

lawed BCP was killed in a 'crossfire' at

Ghorasal village in Jhenidah Sadar

upazila on November 25, when DB

(Detective Branch) police went to

recover arms following his confes-

regional leader of PBCP-Janajuddho

Mosharaf Hossain alias Mosha a

Asadur Rahman, a leader of out-

Criminals prefer jail to bail

19 killed in Jhenidah 'crossfire' in 3 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Nineteen alleged criminals were killed in 'crossfire' with police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Ihenidah district from November 1 lastyear to January 27 this year.

Hardened criminals now prefer iail to bail. Many of them have asked their lawyers not to move bail prayer for them, according to sources close to some criminal and in police.

Some lawyers also said relatives of the alleged criminals have asked them not to move bail petition. Some top criminals in jail and

their relatives were requesting us even a few months back to move their bail petition. But the situation is reverse now", said a lawyer preferring anonymity. Though law enforcers claimed that

the deaths were in 'crossfire' during the recovery of arms following their arrest, other sources differ. These deaths were in custody, they said. The latest victim of such crossfire' is top criminal Asadul Islam alias 'Hatkata Asad' of

Solaimanpur Uttarpara village in

in crossfire with police in the early hours of January 27. Regional leader of Janajuddho

Kotchandpur upazila. He was killed

faction of Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) Azijur Rahman of Bherikhali Sanatanpur village in Harinakundu upazila was killed in crossfire at Hingerpara village in the same upazila in the early hours of January 13. Police claimed that the crossfire took place during recovery

Janajuddah cadre Shanti, 45, was killed in 'crossfire' at Alangi village in Kotchandpur upazila on January 11. Another Janjuddha cadre Goutam, 40, was also killed in the crossfire at Pirojpur village in Kaliganj upazila on the same day. A regional leader of Janajuddho,

Serajul Islam Seraj of Mandartala village in Harinakundu upazila, was killed in a 'crossfire' at Pagla Kanai in Jhenidah town in the early hours of December 25. A 'shootout' between police and

Janajuddho men left two outlaws--Moktar Hossain and Milal Uddin-killed at Ghagha village in

was killed in a crossfire with police at Kalpart village in Sadar upazila on Outlawed BCP leader Shajahan alias Shahaj was killed in a crossfire with Rab at Arutia village in

Maheshpurupazila on Novenber 21. Some other alleged outlaws killed in crossfire include Ehsanul Bari,

were killed in different villages in the district during November last year.

Turki, Jafirul Islam, Mantu Shawkat

Hossain alias Jakir and Mojid. They

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'Raise India's river-linking issue in world forums'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibnahda

Speakers at a seminar here urged the government to raise India's planned river inter-linking project to world

Dams like Farakka have already

They said India, being a coriparian country, can not construct any dam on any common river with-

Naga University was the chief guest at the seminar, held on Thursday. It was organised by the International The speakers included Prof Amin

unit leader Akhteruzzaman Suja; Moffakharul Islam Basunia and They said Bangladesh receives 93

The country will face a disastrous across Teesta river at Gajoldoba, 65

Bangladesh had a plan to irrigate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira Department investigation has been started against Sub Inspector Mofazzal Hossain of Kalaroa thana for releasing an alleged rapist and a 'Hundi trader' from the police station after their arrest, sources at Satkhira Police

Brahmanbaria town on the second day of hartal

Probe ordered as SI

trader in Kalaroa

releases 'rapist', hundi

25, son of Sher Ali of Raita village

in Kalaroa upazila from the same

village on January 20 and recov-

ered Tk 10 lakh, kept with him for

alleged Hundi transaction. Later

he was released from the police

caught an alleged rapist --

Monayeem Sarder, 35-- from

Jugikhali village. He was handed

over to police, who released him

under alleged pressure from

The incidents were reported in

local ruling party leader.

national dailies.

On January 22, local people

Superintendent's office said SP Abdul Rahim has ordered to ssistant Police Superintendent

Delowar Hossain to investigate

SI Mofazzal had arrested Babu,



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