

## Top criminal to organise Khulna Sechhasebak Dal

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A notorious criminal has been made the new organising secretary of Jatiyatabadi Sechhasebak Dal of Khulna city unit.

A reliable source in the Special Branch said Ashraf Chowdhury alias Haikata Bulu is listed as criminal no. 80 by the Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP).

Ashraf, who is also listed as a bomber, had his right wrist blown off in an explosion by a bomb that he made himself in 2003.

The central committee in Dhaka

announced the new committee on Monday evening.

Former president Saeed Hasan Lovlu and former senior vice president Azizul Hasan Dulu of Sechhasebak Dal rejected the new committee, accusing lawmaker Ali Asgar Lobi of bringing criminals into BNP politics.

They have also urged Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, central president of Sechhasebak Dal, to expel Ashraf from the party immediately and dissolve the new committee.



ERA International School organised a three-day in-house training for its teachers at the school recently with a view to updating knowledge, enhancing skills and boosting confidence of the teachers. Joan Sandy Taylor, an educationist and curriculum specialist from Australia, was present as chief guest and Mohammad Shahjahan, curriculum specialist of National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), was special guest. Shaheen Akter, senior research associate, Brac University, was present as guest.

### CTG PLANT RENOVATION

## PDB signs deal with Chinese company today

UNB, *Ctg*

The government will sign an agreement with a Chinese company today on renovation of PDB's 28 power supply sub-stations and eight grid sub-stations in the Chittagong region for smooth supply of power.

State Minister for Power Iqbal

Hassan Mahmood told newsmen after a four-hour meeting with local officials of Power Development Board (PDB) in Chittagong yesterday.

The minister said the government is implementing the Greater Chittagong Power Supply Project (3rd phase) at a cost of Tk 850 crore to solve huge power crisis facing the southeastern region.

It is expected that after completion of the project in 2007, there will be uninterrupted power supply in the region.

Turning to the Chittagong city mayor's plea for construction of 14 power stations, the state minister said, "It is not the task of the city corporation. It's not possible to permit the city mayor keeping aside existing rules and regulations".

At yesterday's meeting, the minister also asked the officials concerned to submit demand notes for necessary spare parts and equipment so that the troubled-power stations can function smoothly until finishing the ongoing 3rd phase project.

The minister told newsmen that the government was going to arrange power census soon in divisional cities incorporating students of college and universities.

PDB Chairman ANH Akhter Hossain and Regional Chief Engineer Kazi Basir Uddin Ahmed, among others, were present.

## Cops pick up sisters of journalist

### Minister's link alleged

UNB, *Comilla*

Police yesterday picked up two sisters of a staff reporter of the daily Inqilab from his Daudkandi residence, as he is absconding in the face of nine criminal cases allegedly filed at the behest of a minister.

A K M Salahuddin, also publisher of Weekly Monir, told by phone from his hideout that Homna police raided his house at 1:00pm and arrested his sisters Kamrunnahar Hasina Banu, 35 and Farhana Akter Tunin, 28, without showing any reason.

He said nine cases, including extortion, were filed against him at the behest of Agriculture Minister M K Anwar who was annoyed by his reports published in the Inqilab and Weekly Monir.