

JMB cadres hiding in Tangail shoal areas

Security tightened at district jail after DIG's surprise visit

A CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Security has been tightened in and around Tangail district jail, court area and in strategic spots in the town fearing attack by JMB militants.

sources there said. "Systems in and outside of the jail have been tightened and check posts set up in different points on nearby streets", one source said. The 11 JMB activists were arrested

about his involvement in the August 17 blasts. Two other JMB detainees -- Mainul Islam Ranga and Borhan Uddin Bhuiyan--arrested on June 13 said they experimented with bombs

Quoting local people, they said strangers are often seen in the areas. They feel embarrassed when asked about identity, and say they have come to see relatives. Asked by newsmen, Tangail



Four of the 11 JMB militants now in Tangail jail (from left) Yameen, Delwar Borhan and Mainul

Eleven JMB (Jama'atul Mujahideen, Bangladesh) militants arrested from different areas of the district are now in the jail.

from Tangail Sadar, Delduar, Ghatail, Nagarpur and Basail upazilas after the August 17 serial bomb blasts across the country.

The sources claimed that, as law enforcers intensified their drive against JMB, over 100 of its cadres believed to be involved in the August 17 serial bomb blasts across the country, are now hiding in remote shoals in Nagarpur and in forests and hills in Ghatail, Madhupur and Shakhipur upazilas of the district.

Police Superintendent Mirza Abdullah-hel-Baki said he also heard about new faces in those areas and ordered police to investigate.

Police have been asked to visit the areas and prepare lists of new faces with the help of local Union Parishad leaders and members of Gram Sarkar. Suspects will be arrested, the SP added.

Govt staff abducted for Tk 5 lakh ransom

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Robbers looted good ornaments worth Tk 70,000 from a house Monday night and picked up the house owner, a government employee, for Tk 5 lakh ransom.

At about midnight, the gang, introducing themselves as friends, called Siraj Uddin, 55, Chief Office Assistant of Water Development Board (WDB), at Gobrapara village in Bheramara upazila in the district. As he opened the door, they burst into the house and tied up inmates at gunpoint. They looted gold ornaments and picked up Siraj. Latter they demanded Tk 5 lakh for his releases.

'Set up full-fledged TV centre in Khulna'

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Speakers of a roundtable discussion here called for launching agitation to realise the demand for setting up a full-fledged TV centre in Khulna.

Presided over by Dainik Purbanchal Editor Alhaj Liaquat Ali, the roundtable held at the daily's dialogue centre recently was addressed by, among others, by political leaders, social workers, NGO personalities, senior journalists and lawyers and teachers.

A 38-member committee with NGO personality Swapan Guha as convener and Saidur Rahman Saeed as member-secretary was formed at roundtable to launch agitation to realise the demand.



Teachers under the banner of National Teachers Employees Front brought out a procession in Barisal city yesterday demanding increase in salary and other benefits.

More protests against bomb attacks

RU teachers, lawyers demand stern action, AL holds rally

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Progressive Teachers Association (PTA) at Rajshahi University in a statement yesterday expressed deep concern over Monday's bomb attacks on courts in Chandpur, Laxmipur and Chittagong.

connections with powerful leaders in the ruling parties. It urged the people to unite against the evil forces, who are out to make the country a failed state and demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible.

requested the police administration not to harass lawyers or court employees in the name of security and demanded compensation for the victims' families.

They blamed the government for its failure to ensure security and safety of judges, lawyers and litigants. Such incidents took place again as the government failed to take effective measures against militant fundamentalist groups who are creating violence in the name of Islam, its said.

Anti Imperialism and Communalism Teachers Forum at RU in a separate statement condemned Monday's bomb attacks and demanded stern action against the perpetrators.

The Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad (SASP), a pro-opposition lawyers' forum, also condemned the incidents.

The statement alleged that the government is not taking stern action against the bombers as they have

The Rajshahi Advocate Bar Association (RABA) in a separate statement condemned the attacks and blamed the government for this.

Government's ineffective steps against terrorism encouraged militant fundamentalist groups to launch such bomb attacks again, it said.

'POLITICAL' APPOINTMENTS AT HAJI DANESH UNIVERSITY Students agitate for Registrar's removal

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A large number of policemen have been deployed at Haji Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) here as students are agitating demanding removal of the Registrar and newly appointed 57 teachers and 208 staff, allegedly on political considerations.

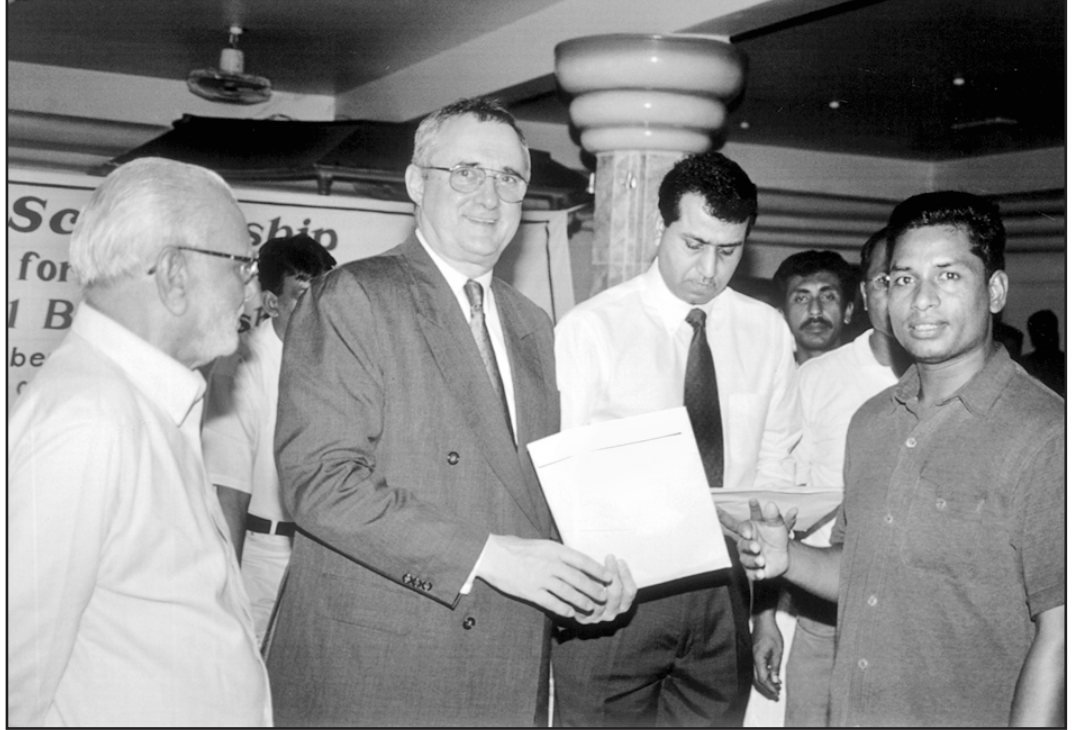
the Agriculture Agriculture Extension Department (AED). After about four hours, police rescued them by breaking the lock at the collapsible gate, sources said.

Campus sources said that Regent Board members of HSTU Lt. Gen. (Retd) Mahbubur Rahman MP and Dr. Fakir Alamgir at its meeting about two months back had protested the appointment of teachers and staff.

Police were called when agitated students after a procession on the campus at about 9 am on Tuesday locked the administrative building and kept the Registrar confined in his room as he did pay any heed to their complaints against two teachers. Some teachers were also confined in the administrative building during Tuesday's agitation when students also damaged equipment at classrooms for practical demonstration in

After another such incident on Sunday, student of brought out a procession on the campus demanding removal of the teachers and setting a 24-hour deadline for this. But the Registrar did not take any action.

Earlier, the Regent Board at its May 23 meeting had formed a three-member committee headed by Lt. Gen. (Retd) Mahbubur Rahman MP to investigate the matter. When contacted, Mahbubur Rahman said he recently submitted the investigation report to the Chancellor of the university. He declined to elaborate. Talking to this correspondent, the Registrar brushed aside the allegation and said, "All appointments were done fairly and as per rule".



Andrew L Fawthrop, President and Managing Director, Unocal Bangladesh, handling over scholarships to meritorious and needy students from Inatganj and Dighalbak unions at a recent function held in Bibiyana, Sylhet.

Rigging in Sundarganj Poura polls alleged

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A defeated CPB (Communist Party of Bangladesh) candidate yesterday alleged massive rigging in Sundarganj Pourasabha election and demanded of the government to stop notifying the election result officially.

rious bagging 2,036 votes while his nearest contestant Mahbubur Rahman got 1,400 votes.

Mahbubur Rahman who became second after counting of votes also urged the government for investigation of alleged irregularities in the polls.

Mahbub further alleged that the Jamaat candidate distributed CI sheets, implements of sanitary latrine, saree, cloth and money to win the polls race. Despite lodging complaints with the Returning Officer he did not take steps in this regard, he alleged at the press conference. 'Not only that but police also prevented my agents to enter the polling centres at Huraviakha Primary School, Shaheed Minar Primary School and Sundarganj DW Degree College centres, he alleged further

He made the allegations at a press conference held at Gaibandha Press Club. He blamed Jamaat lawmaker Abdul Azizi for influencing the administration and police to make his party candidate Nurunnabi Pramanik victorious.

CPB leaders Wasir Rahman Rafel, Advocate Sahadat Hossain Laku and Mihir Ghosh also attended the press conference.

Election to Sundarganj Pourasabha was held on Sunday where Jamaat candidate Nurunnabi came out victo-