



Razakars and fake FFs on victory memorial plaque

Magura freedom fighters boycott V-day programme

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

This year's Victory Day was observed here in a lacklustre atmosphere as most of the freedom fighters abstained from taking part in programmes protesting inclusion of names of two Razakars (collaborators of Pakistan occupation army) and some fake freedom fighters in the victory memorial plaque.

The Liberation War Affairs Ministry is yet to erase the names despite submission of a written application by the Magura Muktiyoddha Sangsad last year.

The memorial was built by the Zila Parishad at Vaina Square in Magura town at a cost of Tk 14.10 lakh and formally opened by BNP lawmaker Kazi Salimul Huq Kamal on the Victory Day last year.

Former commander of Magura Muktiyoddha Sangsad Khan Ali Reza, on behalf of Magura freedom fighters, submitted the petition to the secretary of the ministry on January 1, 2004 to erase names of controversial persons from the plaque. But the ministry is yet to take any step, Ali Reza told this

correspondent on the Victory Day (Friday).

"It is a matter of great regret that names of Razakars Aminuddin and Khater Ali have been engraved on the victory memorial", valiant freedom fighter Bimol Kumar Biswas said while talking to this correspondent on Friday.

"The two were however killed in a gun battle with freedom fighters at Kamanna village in Jhenidah district on November 26, 1971," he said. "The supreme sacrifices of fellow freedom fighters have been ignored by putting the names of Razakars on the victory memorial. The ministry concerned should take action against those who are responsible for this", Bimol said.

Khan Ali Reza said, "Apart from names of two Razakars, there are names of people engraved on the memorial who had no contribution during the Liberation War."

"On behalf of local freedom fighters, I wrote to the secretary of Liberation War Affairs Ministry to take step to erase their names, but to no effect even after one year", Reza said.

According to him, though the 'Mukti Barta' (a booklet published by the

ministry) records say 40 freedom fighters embraced martyrdom in Magura Sadar upazila, only 25 names have been engraved on the victory memorial.

In Sreepur upazila, 13 heroes laid down their lives but only four names are on the memorial. Name of a fake martyr — Abdus Salek — has also been inscribed.

In Mohammadpur upazila, 13 freedom fighters sacrificed their lives. But the memorial contains names of nine freedom fighters and three of fake martyrs.

The memorial contains five names of 'martyrs' from Shalikhia upazila but the Mukti Barta records say there was no martyr from the upazila. When contacted, Kazi Salimul Huq Kamal MP said, "Many of us know that two names of Razakars have been engraved on the memorial, but we are undone as we are not entitled to drop the names given by the district administration and prepared by the ministry." The list was prepared by the district administration during Awami League rule, Kamal claimed.

JMB threat to blow up court, temple, shrine in B'baria

Bomb hoax delays NU exam in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Jama'atul Mujahideen, Bangladesh (JMB) has threatened to blow up the judge court, a school, a shrine of a Muslim saint and two temples of Hindu community in the district within seven days.

The establishments facing the threat are Annada High School, Akhaura Kella Shaheed Mazar, Merura Temple and Anandomayi Kalibari.

The threat was given in letters sent to the establishments by post on Thursday, a copy of which was also sent to Brahmanbaria Press Club. The letters were signed by one Al-Amin who identified himself as a JMB cadre in Brahman-baria.

The letter sent to the press club was addressed to its president.

Our Jessore Correspondent reports: National University (NU) Masters examination at Jessore Government City College centre began one hour behind schedule yesterday due to a bomb hoax.

Principal of the college. Prof

5 JMB suspects held in three districts

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Five alleged activists of Jama'atul Mujahideen, Bangladesh (JMB) were arrested yesterday, two in Netreakona and one each in Satkhira and Kishoreganj.

The JMB suspect held in Satkhira is a chargesheeted accused in the August 17 bomb blast case in the district.

Our Satkhira Correspondent reports: JMB cadre (JMB) and chargesheeted accused in August 17 blast case Asadul Islam alias Meheddi Hasan was arrested Friday night from Alipur village in the Sadar upazila.

He is the son of Abdul Majed Sardar of Kharibila village in the same upazila. Acting on a tip-off, Sadar thana police raided the house of his brother-in-law Abdul Hamid and arrested him.

Asadul, 25, is one of the persons accused in the case for blasting bombs in front of Satkhira collectorate building on August 17. The JMB (Jama'atul Mujahidin, Bangladesh) activist went into hiding soon after the serial blasts in the district and elsewhere in the country.

Police said, during interrogation he confessed to his involvement in the August 17 blasts in Satkhira.

Later he told local journalists in front of police that he is a member of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student front of the Jamaat-e-Islami, a coalition partner in the ruling four-party alliance.

He also told police that he was an employee of a watch shop in the town and that one Noor Islam alias Galib asked him to work for Islam. He was also asked to take arms training at Bagmara in Rajshahi but he refused as his employer denied to grant him leave.

He told police that in the early morning of August 17, one Momtaj asked him to go to a house in Rasulpur, used by JMB activists. There he was given a short training on how operate a bomb and asked to carry a bag, he said.

He was absconding since the blasts. He stayed at a shrimp farm in Debhata. At about 10 pm on Friday, he went to his brother-in-law's house, from where he was arrested late in the night.

Police said his statement is being examined and they have prayed for ten days' remand.

Our Kishoreganj Correspondent reports: Acting on a tip-off, Pakundia thana police arrested alleged JMB cadre Rafiq from his house at Fakirpara village in the upazila.

His father Musleah Uddin was arrested on December 14 as he was absconding, said Pakundia thana OC Nazrul Islam.

The OC said that Rafiq in a letter sent to the Pakundia Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) on December 14 said that JMB's 'military wing' sent him and some other cadres to attack UNOs of Pakundia, Katiadi and Hossainpur and the Kishoreganj Deputy Commissioner. He had stated in the letter that he was a member of JMB's suicide squad.

He also stated in the letter that he informed the Pakundia UNO because his conscience says killing of innocent people is a great sin and not the path to go to heaven, the OC said.

Our Netrakona Correspondent reports: Netrakona sadar thana police arrested two JMB suspects from Satpai Professor Para in the town yesterday morning.

They are Akkas Ali, 30, of Hamidia village in Bhanga upazila in Faridpur district and Badsha Mia, 26, of bagarbhata village in Sagatha upazila in gaibandha district.

Police sources said they will be taken on seven days' remand for interrogation.



Freedom fighters brought out a big procession in Barisal city yesterday protesting bombings and calling to root out militancy.

Deserter gets death threat from JMB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A young member of the suicide squad of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) on Tuesday told police that he received death threat from the outfit's high command for disobeying an order to attack the Victory Day programme venue.

Police sources said the youth hailing from Moddha Haroa village under Nilphamari Poursasabha was asked by JMB high command to blast bombs at Nilphamari stadium on Friday. But instead of doing so he took shelter at the house of a Poursasabha commissioner.

Police arrested him at night but did not disclose his identity for the sake of 'greater interest of the ongoing drive against JMB'.

MURDER OF PARTY LEADER 15 Sylhet JCD men chargesheeted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police yesterday submitted charge sheet against 15 leaders and activists of Shahjalal University (SUST) unit of JCD for killing Rafiqul Islam Patwary (Liton), a final year student and assistant general secretary of SUST unit of the party.

Liton was beaten on July 13. He died next morning at hospital.

Police could not nab any of the alleged killers in last six months though sources claimed that some of them are moving freely on the SUST campus and some others are in Dhaka. Two of them have been admitted to Masters courses in Dhaka University.

Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, Sub Inspector Baziar Rahman, submitted the charge sheet to Sylhet Sadar Magistrate Court. The accused are Main Al Deen Bin Naser, Md Jashim Uddin, Bidhan Das, Shakhawat Hossain Murshedul Islam, Md Nasir Uddin, Naimul Huda, Md Emran Hossain Bhuiyan, Amirul Islam Bipul, Md Ershad, Kaosar

Ahmed, Abul Kalam Azad, Shah Mohammad Muhibullah, Zahidul Islam and Mayeenul Islam Babu.

Of them, Main Al Deen and Jashim Uddin are vice-presidents and Emran Hossain is general secretary of JCD at SUST. The rest are JCD office bearers in units in SUST and different dormitories.

The IO in the charge sheet said, the murder was due to rivalry for supremacy on the campus.

The SUST was closed sine die after the incident on July 14, the first political murder on SUST campus. The varsity reopened after a month.

SUST Student Affairs Advisor Dr Sajedul Karim and the victim's mother filed two cases with Sylhet Kotwali thana.

Liton, hailing from Dagon-bhuiyan upazila in Feni district, passed HSC from Notredam College in 1998 and passed Honours examination in Social Science at SUST last year.

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