

SCC engineer held on graft charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Joint Forces caught Assistant Engineer Abdul Haque Miazi of Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) yesterday from his office on graft charges.

The law enforcers picked him up at 12:30 pm and took him to headquarters of Rab-9 in Sylhet city.

Haque faces allegations of corruption, sources said.

He was being interrogated when the report was filed yesterday evening, the sources said.

Earlier, SCC Chief Engineer Saiful Islam was arrested from his office on 13 March on charges of corruption.

After arrest, Saiful admitted his wrongdoings and gave a list of his assets worth over Tk 30 crore, allegedly earned through corruption.

JCD leader held in Kishoreganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Joint forces yesterday arrested a municipal commissioner here who was a top terror and an absconding accused of a murder case.

Kishoreganj municipality commissioner Ashraf Islam Shamim, also former president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was arrested from the municipality compound at noon. He was wanted in connection with killing a youth named Kamrul Hasan Khan on December 6, 2000.

Locals said, absconding Shamim won Kishoreganj municipality election with active support of the then district leaders of four-party alliance in May, 2004.

There were several other cases with Kishoreganj police station against Shamim including extortion and land grabbing.

Most 4-party leaders in Rangamati on the run

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Most of the front ranking leaders of BNP and its ally Jamaat-e-Islami in Rangamati are on the run following the arrest of district BNP secretary M Zahir Ahmed along with a number of others by joint forces.

Zahir was arrested on January 31 soon after takeover by the caretaker government. He was arrested along with some other party leaders in a raid on BNP office for alleged corruption, extortion and other crimes during the rule of four-party alliance government. Zahir is now in Comilla jail.

District BNP vice-president Faizul Azim was also arrested recently.

Houses of district BNP president Nazimuddin and Rangamati poura BNP president Md Shah Alam, district Jamaat Ameer ASM Shahidullah and Rangamati Poura Awami League president Shahidullah were raided recently but they escaped arrest, official sources said.

Satyabir Dewan, central secretary of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), was also arrested on charge of corruption and irregularities, the sources said.

Zahir amassed a huge property during the rule of 4-party alliance, the sources said.

Those on the run also include Rangamati district Jamat Ameer ASM Shahidullah and secretary Md. Nurul Alam Siddiqui.

Sources claimed that a section of front ranking BNP and Jamaat leaders were involved in tender manipulation and toll collection from different government departments including Hill District Council, Road and Highways Department, Public Works Department (PWD), LGED and municipality.

SI arrested in Sylhet while taking bribe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Joint forces yesterday arrested a sub-inspector of special branch of police while he was allegedly taking Tk 50,000 as bribe at his house in Sylhet city.

Police said businessman Mizan Aziz Chowdhury sent the money through his man to Derik Stephen Bhuiyan, a sub-inspector of district SB, at about 5 pm.

As Derik received the money at his rented house in South Surma area, joint forces men caught him redhanded.

Derik is being interrogated, police said.

Three outlaws arrested in Rajshahi

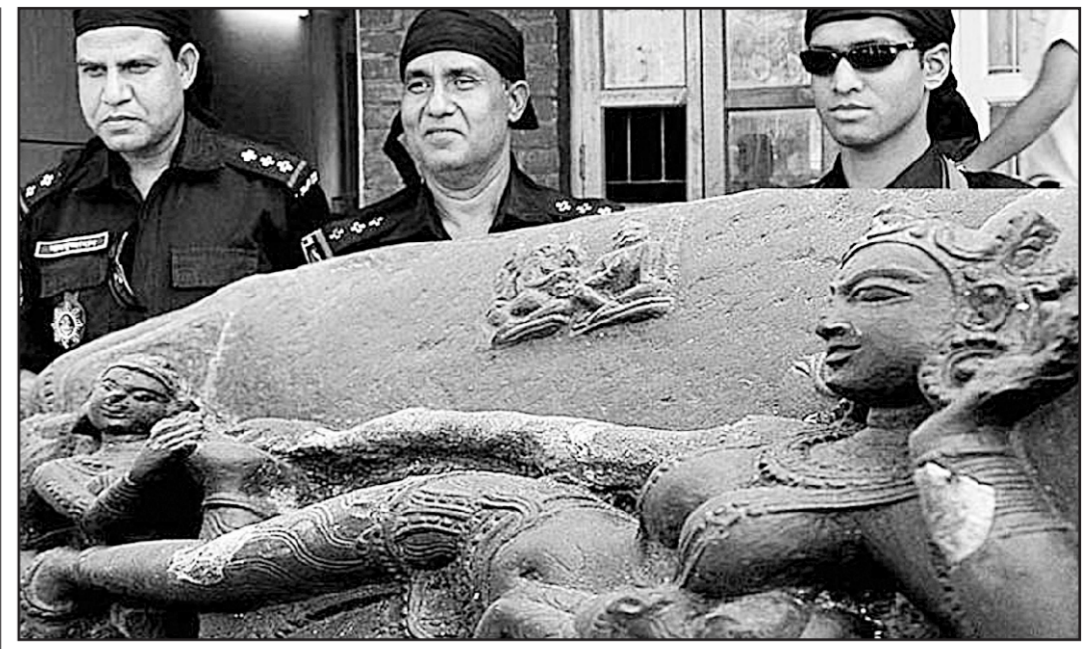
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday arrested three listed cadres of the outlawed Sarbojha Party in Bagmara upazila.

The arrestees are Shahadat Hossain of Nakhopara, Nazmul Hossain and Anwar, also known as Babul and Altaf of Polashi. All were produced before a court in Rajshahi from where they were sent to jail custody.

Tipped off, a police team led by officer-in-charge of Bagmara police station Mirza Golam Sarwar raided their houses and arrested them.

Police said, the arrestees were accused in several cases of murder and criminal activities.



Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-12) recovered a 35kg precious statue made of touchstone during a raid at Beragari of Shahjahanpur upazila of Bogra yesterday.

Khulna woman commissioners call to implement HC verdict

Appeal to adviser, place 7-pt demand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Ten women ward commissioners of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) have appealed to LGRD Adviser Anwarul Iqbal to take necessary steps to empower them as per the High Court verdict delivered on August 16, 2004.

They accused city Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman of violating the High Court verdict.

The women ward commissioners made the appeal in a statement

faxed to the adviser yesterday. They also placed a seven-point demand in the statement. A copy of the statement was sent to Khulna Press Club.

LGRD Adviser Anwarul Iqbal is scheduled to inaugurate the newly constructed Nagar Bhaban (KCC office) today.

The demands are allocation of fund for implementing welfare-oriented projects of their areas, appointment of office secretary and peon at their offices, empowering

them to issue birth and death certificates, participation in different development projects funded by foreign donors, specific circular regarding their rank and status, powers and responsibilities, enhancement of honorarium and immediate implementation of the HC verdict.

The women ward commissioners also accused the Mayor of defying the order of LGRD ministry issued on June 15, 2005 asking him to implement the HC verdict.



Two-stroke tri-wheelers continue to ply the streets of Chittagong city defying a ban as well as the law enforcers.

Firearms recovered from Bhaluka JMB militants' den

Cops rewarded in Sarishabari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered two revolvers, one shooter gun and nine bullets from Jibontala Madrasa, a JMB den in Bhaluka upazila yesterday.

Acting on confession of arrested JMB suspect Mustafizur Rahman, Rab raided the madrasa and recovered the firearms and bullets from behind the room of Maulana Abdur Rahman, an official of the madrasa. None could be arrested during the raid, police said.

On Monday, police arrested Mustafizur Rahman and three other JMB suspects from the madrasa and a nearby market. They are Sadeka Banu, wife of alleged JMB leader Maulana Abdur Rouf, Billal and Elias.

Our Tangail Correspondent adds: Nine police men at Sarishabari police station in Jamalpur district have been rewarded for bravery in detaining JMB cadres and recovering grenades from their possession.

Jamalpur Police Superintendent Muhammad Shahidullah Chowdhury gave away awards amounting to totaling Tk 32,500 to them at a function at Jamalpur police lines on Monday. The awards were announced by the Inspector General of Police (IGP) in Dhaka.

SI Shafiqul Islam and ASI Baharuddin of Sarishabari police station got Tk 15,000 and Tk 10,000 respectively. Constables Lutfar Rahman, Shahidul Islam, Nurul Islam, Abdur Rahim and Belayet Hossain of the same police station received Tk 1,000 each.

JMB cadres Habibur Rahman Yousuf and Kamrul Hassan of Satpoa village threw grenades at the

nine on-duty policemen at Bhatara Bazar in Sarishabari on the night of March 21.

All of them escaped unhurt as the attackers missed the target. But the policemen caught the two JMB 'ehsar' (full time members) along with three hand grenades.

Following confessions of the two detained JMB men at the Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC) in Dhaka, the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered huge quantities of power gell and grenade making materials from Nangla area in Melandaha upazila in Jamalpur and arrested two more JMB cadres.

Acting on their statements, police also arrested another JMB cadre--Mamunur Rashid Mamun--from Pallabi in Dhaka on March 27.

Nor'wester kills one in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

One person was killed by lightning as a nor'wester battered parts of Sylhet Sadar usazila and Barlekha in Moulvibazar in the early hours of yesterday.

Badrul, 32, was killed at his house in Gafargaon village. The nor'wester accompanied by rain razed to the ground at least 200 houses and snapped power supply in Sylhet Sadar uoazila and parts of the city till about 2 pm yesterday, officials said.

It damaged Boro crops on about 20,000 acres in the Sadar upazila, agriculture officials said.

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Stipends to 42 meritorious students of 16 schools in Sonaimuri upazila in Noakhali district, given by a local philanthropic organisation, were distributed at a function held at Kaluai Model School recently.