

PDB CBA leader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The joint forces yesterday arrested a local leader of Power Development Board (PDB) CBA and Jatiyatabadi Bidyut Shramik Dal on charges of taking bribe.

The arrestee is Abid Hasan, junior assistant accountant of PDB Satkhira office and joint secretary local PDB CBA.

Police said the army men picked him up from the local PDB office at Satkhira at about 12:00 noon.

Police said he demanded Tk 1700 as bribe from Golam Mostafa of Katia area in the town for an electricity connection.



RAMNA BATAMUL BLASTS

JMB member placed on 7-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed a Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) member on a seven-day remand in connection with a case filed for bomb explosions at Ramna Batamul in 2001.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mir Ali Reza passed the order when CID Inspector Abu Hena Mohammad Yusuf, who is also the investigation officer (IO), produced the JMB member, Abdullah Al Tasnim, before the court amid tight security.

He was brought to the court on completion of his seven-day remand in connection with bomb blasts at a CPB rally at Paltan in

the capital on January 20, 2001.

In the forwarding report, CID Inspector Anwar Hossain mentioned that Tasnim gave important information about the bomb explosions. So, he should be confined to jail custody until the investigation of the case completes, the IO said.

Seeking a ten-day remand for Tasnim in connection with the Ramna bomb blast case, IO Abu Hena said Tasnim is an active member of JMB and vital clue will be found out if he is quizzed.

Ten people died and several others were injured on April 14, 2001 when bombs went off at Ramna Batamul during the Bengali New year's celebrations.

RCCI leaders place 4-point demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Newly elected leaders of Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) yesterday placed a four-point demand before the caretaker government at a view exchange meeting with journalists at the chamber Bhaban.

Presided over by RCCI President Hasen Ali, the meeting was attended by RCCI Directors Kabirur Rahman Khan, Khandakar Hafiz, Mustafizur Rahman Sawdagar, M Sharif and AR Jamil.

Their demands include supply of natural gas through pipelines to Rajshahi, establishment of an agriculture-based Export Processing Zone, a separate electricity generation unit and a fertilizer factory.

They said implementation of the demands can ensure a balanced development of the north-western region.

Journo jailed for extortion

UNB, Moulvibazar

A court here on Sunday sentenced the Sreemongal correspondent of daily Jugantor to two years' imprisonment for extortion.

Judge Abdur Rehman Chowdhury of the Speedy Trial Tribunal handed down the verdict to Ahmed Farook Millat. The court also fined Millat Tk 5,000, in default he is to suffer for another month in jail.

According to the prosecution, Millat extorted Tk 5,000 from a woman with a threat of dishing out scandalous report against her at a hotel in Sreemongal on March 18. A team of joint forces caught Millat while he was taking the money.