

# UP CHAIRMAN TAHU MURDER CASE IN BAJITPUR Ex-BNP MP Monju, 6 party men in fresh charge sheet

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Former BNP lawmaker Mojibur Rahman Monju and six other party men have been included in the fresh charge sheet of Union Parishad chairman Taher Uddin Tahu murder case in Bajitpur in Kishoreganj district.

Monju was elected from Kishoreganj-6 (Bajitpur-Nikly) constituency in the last parliamentary election.

Their names were dropped from the charge sheet submitted earlier.

Present investigation officer (IO) of the case additional superintendent of police (ASP) Sharif Shamsul Huq of Bajitpur Circle submitted the charge sheet to a first class magistrate in Kishoreganj on Tuesday.

The other BNP leaders included in the charge sheet are Bajitpur upazila BNP secretary and Hilochia Union Parishad chairman Abdul Fazal, Musharof Hossen of Satulta village, Salam of Hilochia, Jaynal Abedin of Parabajitpur in Nikly upazila, Methu of Boromalpara in Bajitpur and Achmat Ali of Guruvillage in Bajitpur.

All the seven were on the list



Mojibur Rahman Monju

of accused in Taher Uddin Tahu murder case, sources at Bajitpur police station said.

Earlier, on November 25, the former IO of the case, SI Imdadul Huq Bashar of Bajitpur police station, submitted charge sheet of the case by dropping names of former BNP lawmaker Monju and six other BNP leaders.

As the names of seven BNP leaders were dropped from the charge sheet, complainant of the case Taher Uddin Tahu's wife Josna Begum submitted a prayer to the court for reinvestigation.

Following the prayer, the

court ordered reinvestigation into the murder by a police officer not below the rank of superintendent of police (SP). As per the court order, ASP Sharif Shamsul Huq conducted a fresh investigation and submitted the charge sheet, police sources said.

Taher Uddin Tahu was killed at Hilochia Bazar in Bajitpur on October 10 last year. The killers shoot Tahu and then hacked him with lethal weapons in the morning. Tahu's wife Josna Begum is still in prison.

She filed a murder case with Bajitpur police station on the same day accusing 22 people including former lawmaker Mojibur Rahman Monju as the 'mastermind' and Bajitpur upazila BNP secretary Fazal as the 'gang leader' of the killers.

According to the case statement and complainant Josna Begum said, there was a dispute between Tahu and Monju for long over water bodies in Bajitpur. Tahu led a rival faction of BNP in the area.

It was also alleged that party men led by Tahu attacked Monju's a public meeting and ransacked the podium on September 20 last year.

According to the charge sheet

and investigation by ASP Sharif Shamsul Huq, Monju expressed his grievances against his rival Tahu at several indoor party meetings and threatened Tahu with death.

ASP Sharif Shamsul Huq said, among the 22 accused, five were arrested and produced before court, which sent them to jail. They are in Kishoreganj jail now.

In the charge sheet, the rest 17 accused including Monju were shown as absconding. But sources close to Monju said he is on anticipatory bail granted by a higher court.

Court Inspector Chapal Kanti Roy said, the ASP of Bajitpur Circle submitted the charge sheet. Hearing will be held in the court of first class magistrate Habibul Nahar.

While contacted, complainant Josna Begum said, she is happy as all the 22 accused are included in the new charge sheet. She hopes she will get justice now.

She alleged that by using the influence of the then ruling party, Monju managed to drop his name and names of six others from the earlier charge sheet.

## Rejoinder and our reply

Moulvibazar ADM Sanat Kumar Shah has issued a rejoinder to a report published in The Daily Star on page 6 on October 3 under the headline 'Life saving drugs scarce in Moulvibazar'.

The rejoinder said, "It was mentioned in the story that it was prepared on investigation, but it is not correct. Practically, the life saving medicine 'Bardinal' in tablet or injection form have not been supplied since long. So there is no question that the medicine of Taka 24 is being sold at Taka 400 to 500. This correspondent had not found any evidence in this regard."

"This story was prepared without discussion of 'responsible' authorities in Moulvibazar or anywhere. Source mentioned in the story not proved by this correspondent."

"It was not proper to quote unknown and unauthorised person at the office of the Drug Administration at Dhaka in the story."

Our Correspondent's reply:

The story was prepared by collecting information from different sources. 'Bardinal' tablet or injection is not available in the local market. A section of unscrupulous brokers bring those from Dhaka Midford wholesale market and sell at Tk 400-500 which is an open secret in the town. This information was gathered from some medicine shops and verified by this correspondent.

It is unexpected from a trader now to publicly admit charging so exorbitant price of a medicine. Scarcity of supply of this medicine has created this situation.

The four medicine stores mentioned in the story is not liable for this high price. This correspondent talked to salesmen at the stores before preparing the story. They said that they got those from some people who brought those from Dhaka as there was no supply of the medicines in Moulvibazar in last ten years. As normal practice, a source can seek anonymity.



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## Kaptai plant at its highest generation

230MW power produced a day as lake water level peak in 9 years

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Kaptai Hydroelectric Power Plant (KHPP), the country's lone hydroelectric project, is now at its optimum operation, producing 230mw power a day.

All the five generators of the plant are in full operation from last month as water level of Kaptai Lake is at its highest level in nine years, KHPP sources told this correspondent yesterday.

Following rains in the last few days, water level of Kaptai Lake swelled by two to three feet, inundating fresh areas in the district for the second time this year.

KHPP sources said only 10 to 12 mw power is needed for Rangamati district and rest is supplied to the National Grid. They said 2,50,000 cu/sec (cubic feet per second) water is released from the lake through 16

spillways of the power plant now.

During last dry season (April-June), most of the generators of KHPP remained inoperative due to fall in the water level of the lake. Power generation hovered around 35 mw during that period, the sources said.

The five generators were operated by rotation during the dry season. The power produced then could meet only the demand of Kaptai upazila Sadar, they said.

Now, the Mean Sea Level (MSL) of the lake is 108.94 whereas it came down to 68.84 during the last dry season.

Kaptai Hydroelectric Dam is capable of holding water up to 109 feet depth in the lake, and the level exceeded last month.

The Unit-5 was put into operation on June 30 after about two months' silence.

## Adivasi leaders demand rescue of Purnima

RU CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Adivasi Parishad in a statement yesterday demanded immediate steps to rescue indigenous freedom fighter Shukral Murmu's minor daughter Purnima Murmu from captors.

On September 29, Purnima Murmu was abducted allegedly by an influential person of Moyenpur village under Tanore upazila of Rajshahi.

In the statement, the parishad leaders urged the police administration and authorities concerned to take immediate steps to rescue the abducted girl. They said Tanore police did not arrest any accused person three weeks after the incident.

They condemned police's misbehavior with Purnima's father Sukral and harassing indigenous people in the area.

Jatiya Adivasi Parishad President Anil Marandi, General Secretary Robindranath Saran and Organising Secretary Bimal Chandra Rajoar signed the statement.

## বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড

বাংলাদেশ (সরকার) এর সর্বাধিকারী পরিষেবা বোর্ড।  
বাংলাদেশ সরকারী পরিষেবা বোর্ডে, সিকিমপুর।

## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	মন্ত্রালয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি	২।	বিদ্যুৎ জ্বালানী এ বিনিয়োগ সম্পর্ক মন্ত্রালয়, বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ।
২।	একাডেমি/অকাডেমি	৩।	বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড।
৩।	একাডেমি/অকাডেমির নাম	৪।	প্রধান অকাডেমি (পুরস্কার), সিকিমপুর, সিকিমপুর।
৪।	একাডেমি/অকাডেমির নেওড	৫।	অবসর।
৫।	একাডেমি/অকাডেমির প্রেসে	৬।	নোবেল পুরস্কার।
৬।	সরকার প্রতিরক্ষা	৭।	বিনিয়োগিত প্রাক্কলেক্ষণ প্রক্রিয়া।
৭।	ইনভাইটেশন কর (কাজের নাম)	৮।	বাংলাদেশ সরকারী প্রক্রিয়াতে ২১০ মেট্রিক সিগ্রাবেটে/২৪/২০০৭/৭৮৭ অক্টোবর ০৬/১০/৭৫।
৮।	সরকার নথ	৯।	ক্রস প্রতিরক্ষা।
৯।	চিকিৎসার মোগাড়া	১০।	বিটেন্ডো প্রাক্কলেক্ষণ প্রক্রিয়া।
১০।	বার্কেট এ ক্রসেক্সের প্রক্রিয়া	১১।	প্রাক্কলেক্ষণ প্রক্রিয়ায় আকাশে প্রক্রিয়া।
১১।	সরকার কাজ ও সার্কেলের কাজ/সরকার	১২।	বাংলাদেশ প্রক্রিয়ায় আকাশে প্রক্রিয়া।
১২।	চিকিৎসার মোগাড়া	১৩।	বাংলাদেশ প্রক্রিয়ায় আকাশে প্রক্রিয়া।
১৩।	বার্কেট এ ক্রসেক্সের প্রক্রিয়া	১৪।	বাংলাদেশ প্রক্রিয়ায় আকাশে প্রক্রিয়া।
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১৭।	সরকার মোগাড়া ও প্রক্রিয়া	১৮।	বাংলাদেশ প্রক্রিয়ায় আকাশে প্রক্রিয়া।
১৮।	উপস্থিতি কর্তৃপক্ষ কাজের প্রক্রিয়াতে প্রক্রিয়া।	১৯।	বাংলাদেশ প্রক্রিয়ায় আকাশে প্রক্রিয়া।
১৯।	উপস্থিতি কর্তৃপক্ষ কাজের প্রক্রিয়াতে প্রক্রিয়া।		

The Shahjalal Bridge-III, left, over the Surma river on Sylhet bypass highway cannot be opened for traffic as its southern approach road remains incomplete for over a year.

## Shahjalal Bridge unutilised as approach road incomplete

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

the approach road and others works.

The 261-metre bridge on Dhaka-Sylhet-Sunamganj highway could not be opened for traffic four years after the deadline as the southern approach road could not be completed in more than a year.

Besides, work on raising the rail tracks which crosses the road at Mollagram could not be completed.

Due to the unusual delay, the project cost has increased to Tk 45 crore from Tk 34 crore, sources said.

The then finance minister and former lawmaker from Sylhet-1 constituency M Saifur Rahman inaugurated the road on October 23 last year ahead of completion

changed the original design and alignment of the road several times to earn illegal benefit by saving lands of some influential men.

The tricky and corrupt practice by a section of R&H officials affected over 100 poor men in the area, the locals alleged while talking to this correspondent during a recent visit.

R&H executive engineer in Sylhet Abdus Sabur, who took office recently said things remained stalled for different reasons. "We have started work in full swing to finish the whole job in 2-3 months.

The railway authorities have also completed elevating rail tracks. There is possibility of opening the bridge for traffic after December", he said.

On the other hand, some locals in Sheikhpura alleged that the Roads & Highways authorities

## GOVT REVENUE LOSS ACC charge sheet against ex-AL minister Swapan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has submitted a charge sheet to Sirajganj Speedy Trial Tribunal against two persons including Awami League leader and former state minister Hasibur Rahman Swapan for causing Tk 11.60 lakh revenue loss to the government.

Rashidur Reza, Assistant Director of Pabna district ACC submitted the charge sheet to Sirajganj Speedy Trial Tribunal accusing Swapan and Sakim Uddin, a leaseholder of Talgachhi cattle market.

The two accused went into hiding shortly after the declaration of emergency in January 11, 1971.

Rashidur Reza, assistant director of Pabna district ACC, got the charge of investigation to the case and he submitted the charge sheet to the court against Swapan and Sakim Uddin on October 11.

When contacted over cell phone, Swapan told The Daily Star yesterday that Talgachhi cattle market was leased out in an auction through the decision of upazila Parishad, where he had nothing to do. He is now a victim of conspiracy, he added.

## CRESCENT JUTE MILLS Workers on strike for bonus, dues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Production of the Crescent Jute Mills was suspended from 8:00am yesterday as the workers started work abstention to press home their demand for payment of Eid bonus and other dues.