

UP CHAIRMAN TAHO MURDER CASE IN BAJITPUR

Ex-BNP MP Monju, 6 party men in fresh charge sheet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

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.

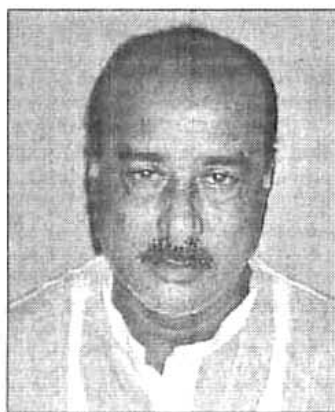
Manju was elected from Kishoreganj-6 (Bajitpur-Nikly) constituency in the last parliamentary election.

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 court in Kishoreganj on Tuesday.

The other BNP leaders included in the charge sheet are Bajitpur upazila BNP secretary and Hilochia Union Parishad chairman Abul Fazal, Musharof Hossen of Satuta village, Salam of Hilochia, Jaynal Abedin of Parabajitpur in Nikly upazila, Methu of Boromai para in Bajitpur and Achmat Ali of Gurui village 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 Bashir of Bajitpur police station, submitted charge sheet of the case by dropping names of former BNP lawmakers Manju 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 Huque 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 alleged in her complaint.

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, 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 Huque, Monju expressed his grievances against his rival Tahu at several indoor party meetings and threatened Tahu with death.

ASP Sharif Shamsul Huque 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 Habibun 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 it 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 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.



PHOTO: STAR

Boats are used to carry people across the Karnaphuli as the rain-fed river flooded the hanging bridge at Kaptai.

Kaptai plant at its highest generation 230MW power produced a day as lake water level peak in 9 years

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

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

spill ways 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 Means 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 Shukla Murmu's minor daughter Purnima Murmu from captors.

On September 29, Purnima Murmu was abducted allegedly by an influential person of Moyanpur 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 Sukla and harassing indigenous people in the area.

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



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.



PHOTO: STAR

Shahjalal Bridge unutilised as approach road incomplete

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

The Shahjalal Bridge-III over Surma river 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 Mollargaon 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

the approach road and others works.

The 261-metre bridge on the Dhaka-Sylhet-Sunamganj highway bypasses Sylhet city.

Work on the bridge began in August 2000 and was scheduled to be completed by August 2003 at a total cost of Tk 34 crore.

An official of Roads & Highways (R&H) Department said, complexity in acquiring lands for approach roads caused a stalemate in the work for over two years from 2004.

Though the main bridge was completed long ago, we could not start the approach part in time due to cases with some locals, he added.

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

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.

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 through abuse of power.

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 in Shahzadpur upazila.

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

In 1405 Bangla year, Talgachhi cattle market was leased for Tk 26.10 lakh. Hasibur Rahman Swapan, who was elected from Sirajganj-7 constituency (Shahzadpur) as a BNP candidate and later became state minister for industry after joining the AL, arranged leasing of the cattle market to Sakim Uddin for Tk 14.50 in an auction. This caused Tk 11.60 lakh revenue loss to the gov-



Hasibur Rahman Swapan

ernment, Sirajganj ACC said in a case filed with Shahzadpur Police Station on February 2, 2007.

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.

Workers observed sit-in from 8:00am to 2:00pm and demonstrated in front of the mill, warning the management of dire consequences in case of any action against agitating workers.

Security forces were put on high alert in Khulna-Jessore industrial

belt from yesterday morning to tackle any unwanted situation due to the programme called by the workers of seven jute mills.

The project directors of seven jute mills in Khulna-Jessore industrial belt have sought security from law enforcers as they said they fear violence for inability to satisfy the workers by paying their dues.

Police arrested vice-president of CJM Workers Union Abdul Khaleque on Friday night on charge of fuelling agitation.

Most of the CBA leaders of the jute mills have gone into hiding.

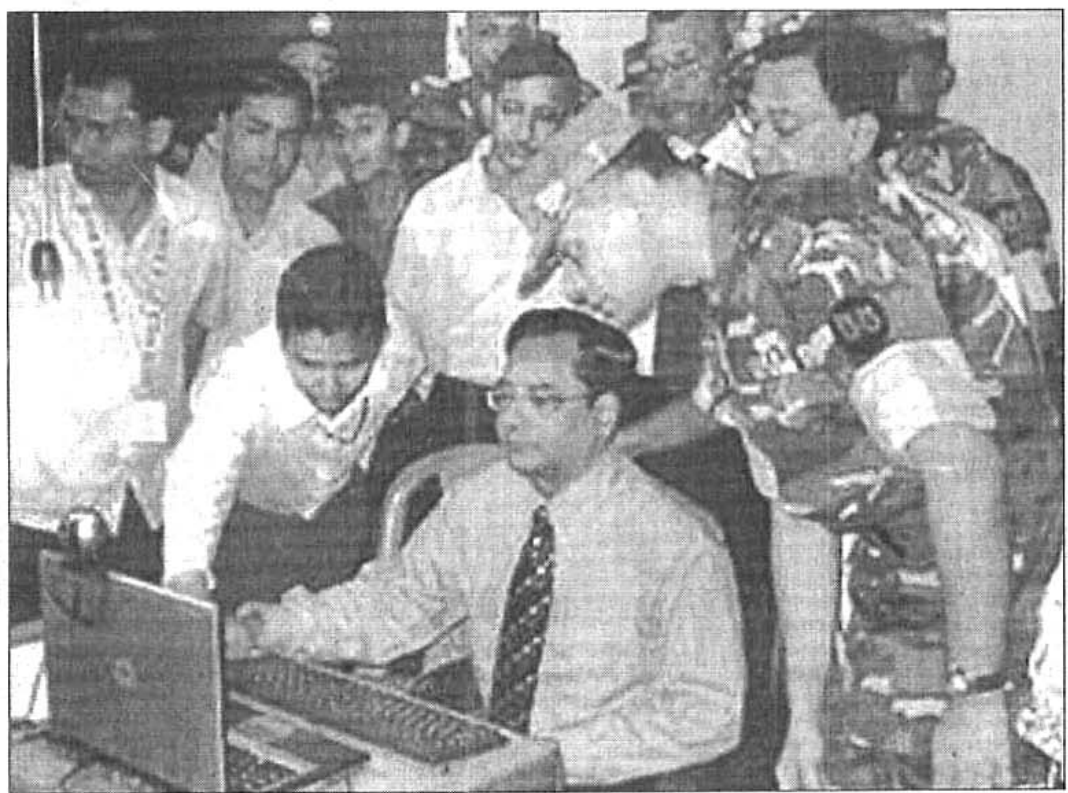


PHOTO: STAR

Barisal Divisional Commissioner Harun Chowdhury inaugurates voter registration with photographs in Barisal city yesterday.

বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড					
বাবাশ্রম (সংরক্ষণ) এর দপ্তর ২১০ মেগওয়াট সিলিভার তাপ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র বিউবো, সিলিভার, নারায়ণগঞ্জ					
দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি					
১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	২।	বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়, বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ।		
২।	একোষ/প্রকল্প	৩।	বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড।		
৩।	প্রকল্পের/একটিটির নাম	৪।	প্রধান প্রকৌশলী (পরিচালক), সিলিভার, বিউবো, সিলিভার, নারায়ণগঞ্জ।		
৪।	প্রকল্পের/একটিটির কোড	৫।	প্রকল্পের/একটিটির কোড		
৫।	প্রকল্পের/একটিটির বৈশিষ্ট্য	৬।	ন্যায়ালয়		
৬।	সম্পত্তি/পদ্ধতি	৭।	বোম্বা দরপত্র		
৭।	ইনভেস্টমেন্ট কর (কাজের নাম)	৮।	নিম্নবর্ণিত প্যাকেজ পরিচিতি প্রদান।		
৮।	দরপত্র নং	৯।	বাবাশ্রম (সংরক্ষণ), ২১০ মেগওয়াট সিলিভার/২১-২৪/২০০৭/৭৮৬		
৯।	টিকানোমের যোগ্যতা	১০।	বাজেট ও তহবিলের প্রকৃতি		
১০।	বাজেট ও তহবিলের প্রকৃতি	১১।	নিউক্লিয়ার রিসার্চ (মূলধন) বাজেট ও নিয়ন্ত্রণ তহবিল।		
১১।	দরপত্র কয় ও দাখিলের স্থান/পত্র	১২।	উপ-পরিচালক (হিসাব), আইসি, বিউবো, সিলিভার, নারায়ণগঞ্জ এবং অন্যান্য কর্মকর্তাদের কাছে হাতে বাজেট প্রকল্প/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে দরপত্র দাখিলের ন্যায় হিসাবে দরপত্র ক্রেতার আবেদনের সহিত জমা দিতে।		
১২।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	১৩।	১৮/১২/২০০৭ইং অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।		
১৩।	দরপত্র জমা গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৪।	১৮/১২/২০০৭ইং দুপুর ১২:০০টা পর্যন্ত।		
১৪।	দরপত্র খোলার সময় ও তারিখ	১৫।	১৮/১২/২০০৭ইং দুপুর ১:০০ ঘটিকার উপরিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।		
১৫।	প্যাকেজ পরিচিতি	১৬।	অবস্থান	১৭।	প্যাকেজ নং
	সিলিভার বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র, বিউবো, নারায়ণগঞ্জ।	০১	২১০ মেগওয়াট সিলিভার তাপ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র, এলাকা/গভীর নলকূপের ১ (একটি) Submersible Pump (Model BPH-384/5) এর জন্য খুঁজা মন্ত্রণালয় সরকারের কাজ।	৩০০/-	৯,৫০০/-
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