

Birshrestha Hamidur museum opens

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

The newly built Birshrestha Sipahi Hamidur Rahman museum and library, built to commemorate the great freedom fighter, was inaugurated at his native village in Moheshpur upazila yesterday.

His native Khordho Khalishpur village has also been renamed Hamid Nagar after him.

Maj. Gen. (Retd) CR Datta Bir Uttam, Commander of Sector No 4 during Liberation War, inaugurated the museum through a simple function in a solemn atmosphere. Local Government Adviser Anwarul Iqbal also spoke on the occasion.

A large number of freedom fighters, high civil and military officials, local elite and people from all strata of life attended the function.

The complex has been built by the local government ministry at a cost of Tk 62.90 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion, Maj. Gen. CR Datta said the valiant sons of the soil sacrificed their life for a prosperous and happy



BIRSHRESTHA HAMIDUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh, which is yet to be achieved. Their sacrifice will be meaningful when people of the country will live in peace in a developed Bangladesh, he said.

Anwarul Iqbal said only political leaders can lead the country towards development in a truly democratic atmosphere. He called upon the people to elect honest and dedicated leaders in next election to protect their interest

and ensure development.

He said Bangladesh can become a developed country in 10 years if corruption can be eliminated and transparency in development activities ensured. This is the task of political leaders, he added.

The caretaker government is working hard to hold a free and fair election so that people can elect honest leaders, sidelining money and muscle power, the adviser said.

"We want to go ahead with the spirit of the Liberation war", he said.

Local government secretary Sheikh Khurshed Alam, Khulna Divisional Commissioner Md. Yunusur Rahman, freedom fighter Sazzad Ali Bir Pratik, Jhenidah Deputy Commissioner Abu Sayed Fakir, Police Superintendent Jahangir Hossain Matobbar, district Muktiyuddah Commander Monwar Hossain Malita, district council official Rania Rani Roy, Maj. Kabir of joint forces and Moheshpur upazila Nibbahi Officer Abi Abdullah also attended the function.

5 envoys visit Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

The envoys of Myanmar, South Korea, Turkey, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam visited Bandarban hill district yesterday.

The envoys started on Friday a five-day tour in places of scenic beauty in Chittagong, Rangamati, Bandarban and Cox's Bazar districts, officials said.

They visited several spots including Nilachal peak, a newly explored tourist spot near the town yesterday, Bandarban Deputy Commissioner Abdul Mazid Shah Akandasaid.

Arms recovered from possession of Sylhet Jubo League chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Acting on his confession, law enforcers yesterday recovered three firearms and some ammunition from a ditch at the house of Sylhet district Awami Juba League chief and ward commissioner Jagadish Chandra Das.

They include one revolver with five bullets and two LGs with two cartridges.

Jagadish, during quizzing Saturday evening, admitted dumping of the firearms in the ditch of his house at Akhali Naharipara in the city. Rab took Jagadish there and recovered the firearms.

Yesterday morning, Rab filed a case against him under the Arms Act and handed him over to Sylhet Kotwali Police.

Police produced Jagadish before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon. Magistrate Md. Rafiqul Alam sent him to jail hajat, rejecting his bail prayer.

Joint forces picked him up Saturday morning from the voter registration centre at Sylhet stadium.

Jagadish faces a number of allegations for extortion, land grabbing, hill cutting, vandalism and other crimes.

Jagadish had been in hiding since declaration of emergency.

In 1999, when Awami League was in power, police caught Jagadish in connection with the bomb blast that killed two young men while making bombs at the house of the then ruling party lawmaker Muhibur Rahman Manik at Chhatkap upazila headquarters. But Jagadish was dropped from the charge sheet.

He was also arrested during the anti-crime drive Operation Clean Heart.



Students of Chapainawabganj Government Girls School taking oath against corruption yesterday.

Indigenous freedom fighters ignored Claims Chin Sangma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

"We risked our life for the country's liberation but instead of getting recognition, we are ill-treated as aboriginal tribes," said indigenous freedom fighter Chin Sangma of Madhupur in Tangail.

The brave freedom fighter, who like many others of his community took part in the Liberation War, is now working at a rubber garden in Madhupur as a day labourer and find it difficult to meet both ends meet.

As this correspondent recently visited Chin Sangma's house at Dharati village, 20 kilometres from Madhupur upazila headquarters, he told the story of his joining the Liberation War.

"I was 35 during the Liberation War and I had wife and a son then. I worked as a farmer in my village."

Many people took shelter in the houses of indigenous people in Madhupur Garh area when the Pakistani occupation forces started massacre and some freedom fighters from Tangail set up a camp there in the end of May.

"I heard from them that the freedom fighters of Bangladesh



CHIN SANGMA

are taking training in India. I decided to join the Liberation War.

"I along with Biren Sangma and Amolendra Sangma of my village went to Dhalu in Meghalaya in India through Nandina in Jamalpur on Ashar 10 (in Bangla calendar).

"After trainings for about a month, our group led by commanders Anis and Nuru attacked the Pakistani forces on Dhanua Kamalpur border.

"Later pretending to be a mad,

I went near the Pakistan forces' camp and returned safely after a rescue.

"We about 300 freedom fighters attacked the Pakistani camp at Dhanua Kamalpur and after a terrible fight for three days, the Pakistani forces fled, leaving huge arms and ammunition.

Twelve Pakistani soldiers died in the fight.

"I also took part in battles on behalf of Kaderia Bahini and after freeing Tangail from the Pakistani forces on December 11, I stayed at Bindubasini High School camp. Later I surrendered my arms to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the school ground and returned to my village.

"Now at 70, I have to work as a day labourer for Tk 70 to Tk 80 per day for living.

"I joined the Liberation War with a hope to eradicate oppression and immoral practices but we the indigenous people are facing oppression and torture.

"We did not fight for such a country," said a lamenting Sangma.

Schoolgirls vow to fight corruption

A CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

It was different day at Chapainawabganj Government Girls' High School yesterday where over 600 students, in a unique oath-taking ceremony, vowed to uproot corruption unitedly for ensuring overall development in the country.

Sachetan Nagarik Committee, a unit of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) organised the oath-taking ceremony as part of its campaign to create awareness against corruption.

Chapainawabganj Government Girls' High School headmistress Kabita Chand presided the oath-taking ceremony.

Speakers at the function urged people from all walks of life, especially students and youths to come forward to uproot corruption, a barrier to economic prosperity. Widespread corruption is hindering development of the country, they said. Black money holders are also controlling politics sidelining veterans and devoted politicians, they said adding, corruption in politics leads to corruption in administration.

Among others, district election officer Shamsul Alam, Sachetan Nagarik Committee assistant programme officer Iqbal Hossain and member Dr Nur-e-Akhter Jobeda Begum addressed.

Mango round the year

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

It is the month of 'Falgun' when mango trees are in buds. But trees in Shahidul Islam's orchard are full of mature mangoes.

Many people from far and near come to see his garden at Dharail village in Chatmohar upazila in Pabna. Locals called him 'Aam Shahidul'.

There are some special varieties of all season mango in his 77 bigha garden. He planted hybrid varieties from the US, Pakistan, Myanmar, India and Thailand. The Vastara variety of mango will ripe within a week, he told this correspondent during a recent visit to the garden he started two years ago.

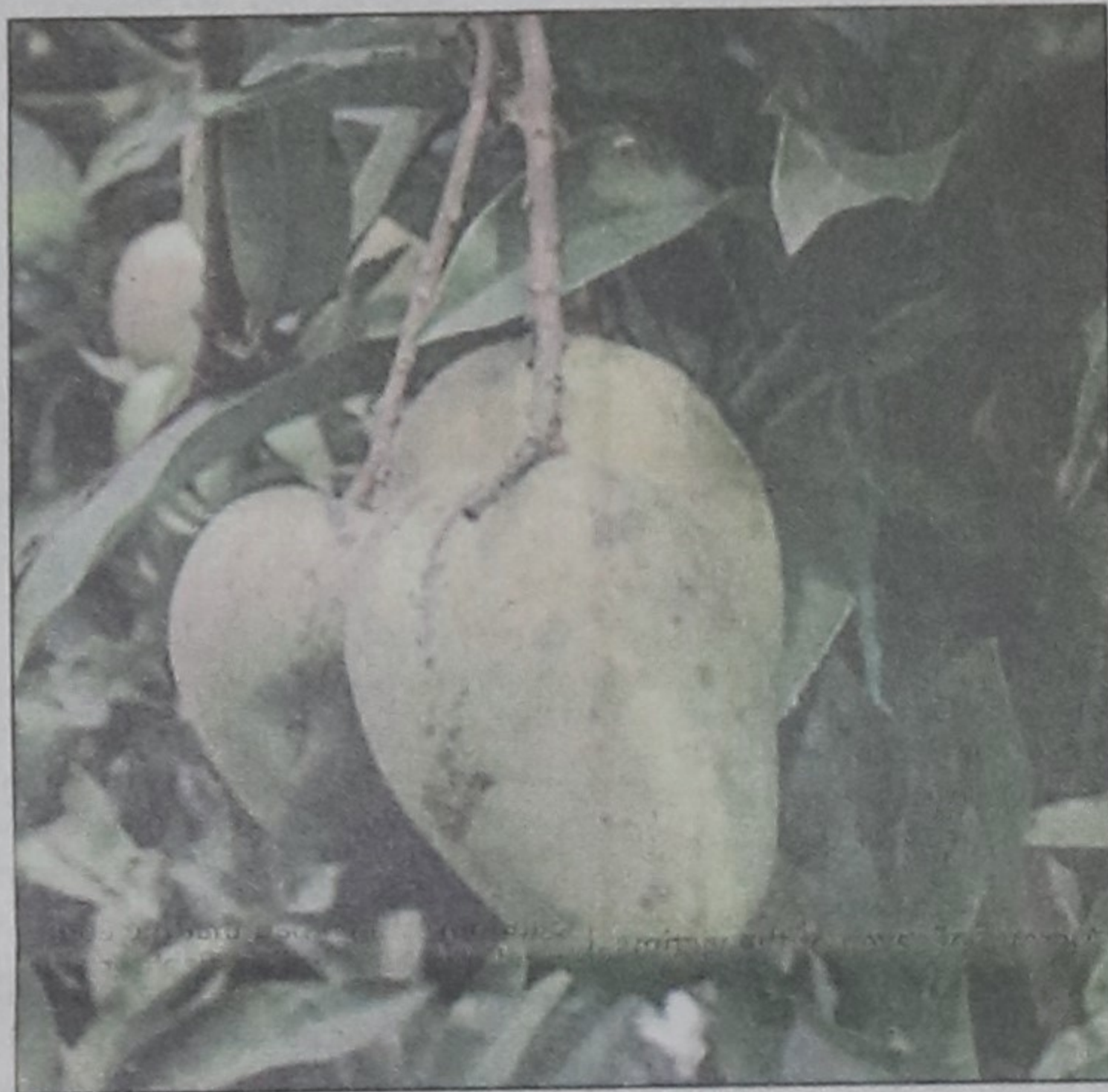
Local varieties like Fazli, Langra, 'Gopalvov', Khirshapati are also there in the garden with over 2,500 mango trees.

Shahidul's orchard is the largest one in Pabna district.

Shahidul started raising the orchard in 1980 with only six bighas of land. Shahidul raised the garden with help of government's Mango Research Institute in Chapainawabganj and the Horticulture Department.

Shahidul said his initial success helped expand his orchard. About 6,000 trees are now bearing mango, which will earn him a big amount of money, he said.

"I hope to earn Tk 8-10 lakh this



Ripe mango in the orchard of Shahidul Islam at Dharail village in Pabna.

year". Last year I sold mangoes worth about Tk 4 lakh, he said.

"In next 3-4 years, I hope to earn Tk 40-50 lakh annually" he said.

A large number of hybrid mango trees including Vastara, Niluchin, Dofala and Trifala bear fruit round the year.

"These are special attractions

for people. The mangoes are more sweet than seasonal ones", he said.

Many people now come to him for advice to raise mango orchard. He sells grafted saplings at cheaper rates to inspire people, he said.

Shahidul is now raising litchi orchard also.

Case against OC for 'killing' wife

Action after probe, says Satkhira SP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A case was filed with Patkelghata police station accusing its officer-in-charge Kazi Mizanur Rahman allegedly for killing his wife Sadiha Sultana.

Victim's mother Ekhlas Bibi of Nashedpur village in Baliachak upazila in Habiganj, district, residing in Dhaka, submitted the FIR (first information report) to Motijheel police station in the capital yesterday as she could not come to Satkhira due to old age ailments, Satkhira police sources said.

Motijheel police station authorities received the case on behalf of Patkelghata police station and sent it to Patkelghata thana to record the case.

Satkhira Police Superintendent Mirza Abdullah Baki confirmed filing of the case with Patkelghata

police station.

He said Motijheel police station received the case on request from Satkhira police and sent it to Patkelghata police station, which recorded the case. Action will be taken against OC Kazi Mizanur Rahman after investigation, the SP said.

Sadiha Rahman succumbed to injuries allegedly inflicted by her husband on March 4 while she was being taken to Dhaka on March 6.

After the incident, Kazi Mizanur Rahman went on three days' leave, which expired on March 7. But he did not join duty till filing of the report yesterday.

Police sources said he left for Dhaka on March 5 to 'give statement before a court there as a prosecution witness', police sources said.

MANZURUL MUDER CASE Arrest warrant against 4 PWs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Judge Abdus Salam Shikder of Khulna Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday ordered issuance of non-bailable arrest warrants against four prosecution witnesses in Khulna city Awami League president Manzurul Imam murder case as they did not appear before the court yesterday for deposition.

The four are BNP leader and former ward commissioner of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) Hasibul Huq Babla, Haji Mohammad Moizul Islam of West Agargaon in Dhaka, Saiful Islam and Shaheb Ali.

They are among the 56 prosecution witnesses in this sensational murder case.

The court fixed March 13 for the next hearing.

Fair polls not possible under present CEC Rizvi claims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, acting office secretary of BNP yesterday came down heavily on Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda saying, a free and fair election will not be possible under him.

"It is his (CEC) responsibility to hold an impartial election. But he is commenting before media, siding with some groups.

"He has taken a side by questioning the party's (BNP) constitution. An impartial election is not possible under him", said the pro-Khaleida leader while exchanging views with journalists at his Rajshahi residence.

"His repeated biased comments appear to us that he is proceeding with a plan to hold a blue-print

election. We can raise demand for his removal", Rizvi said.

"This government has no right to hold local government polls before national election. Local government election should be held by the elected government", he said replying to questions on local government polls.

On BNP's unification process, he said, "Country men know well which one is real BNP. Some vested quarters are conspiring to divide the party and to hold a blue-print election."

"They are seeking unification without release of Khaleida Zia. This unification move is mysterious".

Khaleida Zia should be released before the national election, he added.

'Use mother tongue for schooling indigenous children'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Speakers in a discussion at Khagrachhari yesterday said unavailability of primary education through their mother languages acts as a barrier for indigenous children's schooling in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

At the discussion marking the inauguration of a two-day long regional workshop, they also identified other reasons including poverty, lack of awareness, communication problem in remote areas and shortage of teachers as barrier to ensuring quality primary education in those areas.

National Primary Education Academy organised the workshop

at Sadar upazila auditorium in the town to discuss ways to ensure compulsory and quality primary education in Khagrachhari hill district.

Children cannot be made attracted to learning if the mother tongue is not used at the initial stage, speakers said at the discussion.

Lack of teachers who can instruct in the mother language is responsible for large-scale dropouts of indigenous children at the primary level.

After gaining literacy through the mother tongue, the indigenous students can learn Bangla, English or any other language as per requirement for their practical life

later, they said.

Primary education is the foundation of enlightened life, they said, adding that enjoyable, friendly, cooperative and smooth teaching environment is needed to check dropout and ensure quality education at primary as well as higher levels.

Development of infrastructure at all primary schools and ensuring the attendance of both teachers and students is required for this purpose, they said.

Director General of National Primary Education Academy Mohammad Elias Ali was present as chief guest at the function presided over by Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Shahadat Hossain.

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Schedule for the Viva-voce of Eligible Candidates for the Post of Junior Traffic Assistant

The interview of the candidates' eligible for the Post of Junior Traffic Assistant will be held on 19th, 20th & 21st March, 2008 at 10.00 hrs (Lt) each day in the office of Director Customer Services, Biman, Admin. Building (2nd Floor), ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka. Request visit Biman Website at www.bimanair.com for Name, Roll No. and Date of Interview. Please bring certificates and other documents including nationality certificate in original.

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