

## Hold UZ polls before national elections

UP chairmen urge CG

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Mymensingh

Bangladesh Union Parishad Oikya Jote yesterday called on the caretaker government to hold upazila elections before the parliamentary elections.

The Jote leaders said they have been demanding this for the last four years, but to no avail.

At a press conference at the Mymensingh Press Club auditorium, they also placed several suggestions to strengthen the local government institutions for the greater interest of the people.

The suggestions include upgrading the status of the mem-

bers and chairmen of union parishad and allocating 40 percent of the development budget to the local government to speed up development at the grassroots level.

The leaders said the union parishad chairmen and members cannot meet the needs of the local people in their areas because of fund crisis.

Md Abdul Helim Talukder, district coordinator of the Jote, read out a written statement at the press conference attended by Jote leaders Md Ataharul Islam Bulbul, Md Ashiqul Haque Ashik, AKM Mahbubur Rahman, Md Abdul Kalam Azad and SM Shafiqul Quader Suja.

## 6 cops sued on charge of taking bribe

UNB, Bagerhat

A case was filed against eight people, including the OC and five policemen of Moreganj Police Station on charge of taking bribe and corruption.

M Sarwar Hossain, owner of a fish enclosure, filed the case with the District and Sessions Judge Court on Wednesday against the Officer-in-Charge M Babul Akhter, SI M Idris Ali and four police constables and brokers of the police station - Kala

Rashid and Bellal Hossain. In his complaint, the plaintiff alleged that the accused attacked

his fish enclosure at Dhuligati village on March 8 this year. They also beat him and his son indiscriminately and put handcuffs on them.

Later, they demanded Tk 50,000 as bribe.

The accused released them after taking signature on a blank sheet of paper when Sarwar Hossain gave them Tk 19,000 and also promised to give the rest of the money soon.

OC Babul Akhter, however, denied the allegation and said it is a conspiracy against him. He said he neither knew the businessman nor saw him before.



Tin-roofed houses stand testimony to the illegal encroachment on the river Karnaphuli in Chittagong as vested quarters are gradually grabbing the banks of the river. This picture was taken in Chaktai Natun Bridge area.

## Specific policy for hazardous waste management stressed

BSS, Dhaka

Environment experts at a workshop in the city yesterday underlined the need for formulating a specific policy to manage industrial hazardous waste properly for ensuring sustainable and environment-friendly development.

A specific waste management policy is needed as fast economic

activities associated with industry, agriculture, health and other services generate chemical and hazardous waste which could lead to serious environmental problems threatening the public health.

The workshop titled 'Managing Hazardous Waste' was jointly organised by Department of Environment (DoE) and Waste Concern (WC) with the support of Asian Development Bank (ADB) at Braccentre here.

The workshop was held under an ADB funded project titled 'Regional Technical Assistance (RTA)' on managing hazardous waste. The project is being implemented simultaneously in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Bhutan from the last year.

Under the project, WC is assisting DoE to update the inventory of hazardous wastes to formulate a set of rules and regulations in this regard.

Director General of DoE Dr Khandaker Rashedul Haque spoke as the chief guest on the occasion while Joint Secretary of Industry Ministry M Abul Hossain spoke as special guest.

International Consultant of ADB Dr David Green and Executive Director of WC Maqsood Sinha gave separate presentations.

Director (Technical) of DoE chaired the workshop while senior environment specialist of ADB Dewi N Utami and Deputy Director of DoE Masud Iqbal M Shameem and Director of WC Iftekhar Enayeturrahman also spoke.

Dr Khandaker said exclusive policy for handling hazardous waste would help the government enforce existing environmental laws for ensuring proper treatment and disposal of waste to check ecological and health hazards.

"We need to aware stakeholders of the industry sector that they would make more profit by following a proper waste management system," he said.

Later, Maqsood told BSS that presently, a survey is being conducted in the country to find out the sources of hazardous waste.

After analysing the survey result, they could make a prediction about the volume of waste

generation of the country for the next five to 10 years and give recommendations to formulate a policy on hazardous waste management, he said.

## Anti-corruption rally in Ctg tomorrow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Anti-Corruption Committee (ACC), Chittagong city unit will take out a grand procession in the port city tomorrow for creating mass awareness against corruption.

ACC Chairman Lt Gen (retd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury is scheduled to lead the procession that will start from Jamiaatul Falah Complex at around 10:00am.

Director of ACC Chittagong Major Zulfikar Ali Mazumder said around 40000 people from different professions are expected to participate in the procession.

He said active response and cooperation from mass people and social initiatives are essential to make the current drive of ACC in curbing corruption fruitful.

In Chittagong, ACC is now investigating 108 matters on the basis of complaints against different persons and government officials including police, said the ACC director adding that reports on 68 of them have been submitted.

Sources said ACC here has so far filed 96 graft cases since January 11 in 2007 while charge sheets were submitted in 42 cases.

Informing about the shortage of manpower in ACC Chittagong region comprising 11 districts, Major Zulfikar said that 42 different posts out of 144 is vacant now but the process is going on to

recruit more officials.

"Our main focus is to fill the vacant posts of assistant director and deputy assistant director," he said.

Sources said, there are only 10 assistant directors for 16 posts and only six deputy assistant directors against 18 positions.

## ROAD ACCIDENT Mob sets fire to bus in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

Mob set fire to a passenger bus when it rammed a rickshaw, killed the rickshaw-puller on the spot and injured two others in front of Hazera-Taju Degree College under Chandgaon Police Station yesterday morning.

Identity of the ill-fated rickshaw-puller could not be known immediately while the injured were Zanaed, 20, and Faruk, 25.

Sources said the accident occurred at around 10:00am.

The injured were rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Locals also put up a barricade on the road that halted the traffic movement in the area for an hour.

Later, police and members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) brought the situation under control while fire fighters extinguished the fire.

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## Help civil admin build corruption-free society Navy chief urges naval personnel

Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam yesterday urged the naval personnel to help

## Antique idol of Krishna seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized an antique idol of Lord Krishna worth about Tk one crore at a village in Rajoir yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, the elite force raided the house of Bazlu Sheikh at Bakshakhola village at around 12:30pm and seized the idol made of black stone weighing nine kg.

They also arrested Khokon Sheikh, 20, son of Bazlu Sheikh. The idol has been taken to the Rab-8 camp in Madaripur.

## 2 charged with British teen murder in India

AFP, Panaji

Police in the Indian coastal state of Goa confirmed yesterday they have charged two men with the murder of a British teenager.

Police Inspector General Kishan Kumar told a news conference that Scarlett Keeling, 15, was fed with a deadly cocktail of drugs, raped by one of the men and then left for dead on the Anjuna beach tourist spot.

The two suspects were named as local barman Samson D'Souza, 29, and Placido Carvalho, an alleged drugs dealer working the beaches of the former Portuguese colony.

The police official alleged D'Souza was seen by a witness "raping the girl" before "he took the girl towards the beach... then he assaulted the girl there also."

Keeling then fainted and died of a combination of exhaustion, assault and the drugs fed to her by the two men, he said.

"Samson had evil designs on the girl from the very moment he saw her," Kumar said.

Although Carvalho was not present when she died, he was also charged with murder because of "common intention," Kumar said.

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