

# Jhenidah, Netrakona BNP in crisis as bigwigs held, hiding or inactive

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Failing to get proper guidance from leaders, BNP activists in Jhenidah and Netrakona districts have remained virtually inactive even after over one week of lifting ban on the indoor politics.

Four top ranking leaders of Jhenidah district BNP including its president, vice-president, general secretary and organising secretary, who are also former lawmakers, are on the run since promulgation of the state of emergency, reports our Jhenidah correspondent Azibor Rahman and Magura correspondent HOSSAIN SERAI.

Most of the BNP's district and upazila level offices are still under lock and key amid frustration among party leaders and activists.

President of BNP's district unit Moshir Rahman was elected lawmaker from Jhenidah-2 constituency for three consecutive terms from 1991. He was also made a whip of parliament and the organising secretary of Khulna divisional BNP.

With allegations of involvement in extortion, murder and other crimes during the four-party alliance rule, Moshir went into hiding after declaration of emergency. Moshir has already been charge-sheeted in two separate cases -- one for extortion and another for killing a man.

General secretary of district unit BNP and former lawmaker of Jhenidah-3 constituency Shahidul Islam Master also went into hiding after promulgation of the state of emergency. He is accused in 10 criminal cases -- eight for extortion and two for grabbing relief materials.

There are allegations that with his unbridled power during the four-party alliance rule, Shahidul, once a physical instructor of Maheshpur Secondary School, amassed wealth several crore taka through extortion, tender manipulation, embezzling relief goods and other illegal means.

Vice-president of district BNP and former lawmaker of Jhenidah-



Lutfozzaman Babar



MA Karim Abbasi



Moshir Rahman



Shahidul Islam Master



Shahiduzzaman Beltu



Abdul Wahab

4, Shahiduzzaman Beltu has also remained away from his constituency after two extortion cases were filed against him with Kaliganj Police Station.

District organising secretary and former lawmaker of Jhenidah-1, Abdul Wahab also went into hiding after declaration of emergency. Wahab allegedly amassed huge money luring job and through other illegal means.

Meanwhile joint-secretary of the same unit BNP Abdul Alim is remaining inactive.

As most of the front ranking leaders are either on the run or inactive, organisational activities could not be strengthened despite ban on indoor politics was lifted, party insiders said.

However, district BNP vice-president advocate Alaol Huq Alo denied any crisis in Jhenidah BNP and said, "At present honest and dedicated leaders are controlling

the party". Our Netrakona correspondent Jahangir Alam adds:

Allowing indoor politics is yet to boost up BNP activists in the district as a former state minister is in jail while three former lawmakers of the party are virtually inactive since declaration of emergency.

Just after expiry of the tenure of last four-party alliance government, former lawmaker MA Karim Abbasi, who served as the president of Netrakona district BNP for 15 years, left the party to join in LDP led by Oil Ahmed.

Former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar, who was arrested after the declaration of emergency in January last year.

Three other former BNP lawmakers in the district -- Abu Abbas, Dr Mohammad Ali and Begum Khadiza Amin are yet to take any initiative to activate the party workers even after allowing indoor

politics, said party sources.

Party men are seen gathering at different points of the district town and roaming around private chambers of the leaders while no formal meeting has been held after allowing indoor politics, party sources said.

Several leaders and activists of BNP said corruption and partiality by relatives and accomplices of ex-state minister Lutfozzaman Babar during the four-party alliance rule frustrated many leaders and activists and they are not coming to the party offices even after allowing indoor politics.

Netrakona district BNP general secretary advocate Mahfuzul Haque, who has started contacting field level leaders and activists, said all leaders and workers of Netrakona district are united under the leadership of Begum Khaleeda Zia.

## BSF abducts 2 farmers

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) abducted two Bangladeshi farmers from near Chapasher border under Haripur upazila in Thakurgaon yesterday morning.

The victims are Royel, 32, and Mosharul, 28, of Bhaturia village under Haripur upazila.

BSF members of Moheshgaon Camp entered into Bangladeshi territory and picked up Royel and Mosharul at gunpoint when they went to their paddy field for cutting paddy at about 4:30am, BDR said.

BDR sent a protest letter to BSF and asked its Indian counterpart to release the two Bangladeshi farmers.

## Woman killed by husband

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Husband beat to death a woman at his house at Noupura village under Gurudaspur upazila under Natore district yesterday.

The victim, Shahina Begum, wife of Harun-or-Rashid, was taken to Bonpara Amina Hospital at 6:00am in a critical condition. She died there in a short time.

Marks of torture were seen on her body and there was insecticide in her mouth. Her father Abdus Samad of village Kumrul under Baraigram upazila, said Harun had been demanding motorcycle, refrigerator, colour TV as dowry but he could not meet the demand due to his poverty.

It is suspected that insecticide was poured into her mouth to pass off the incident of killing as suicide.

## One to die for killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cnawabganj

Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court in Chapainawabganj yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing wife.

The convict, Ismail, 33, of Shishatola at Alatalu village under Sadar upazila in the district, was also fined Tk5,000.

Ismail killed his wife Ayesha Begum with a sharp weapon at their Shishatola residence on February 12 in 2003.

# Verdict in RU Prof Taher murder case today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The verdict in sensational Rajshahi University (RU) Professor Dr Sheikh Taher Ahmed murder case will be delivered today.

Rajshahi speedy trial tribunal fixed the date of judgment after three days' argument on May 6.

Tight security measures have been taken to maintain peace on the court premises and its surroundings.

Earlier, police intelligence feared that RU Shibir men in collaboration with Jamaat cadres from outside might stage showdown on the court premises.

Taher's colleague Dr Mia Mohammad Mohiuddin and former Rajshahi University Islami Chhatra Shibir president Mahbul Alam Salehi are accused in the case as masterminds among six accused.

Three killer suspects Jahangir, Salam and Nazmul provided judicial confessions.

Another accused Azimuddin Munshi and Mohiuddin are now on bail while the rest others are in jail.

According to charges, Mohiuddin and Salehi were directly involved in the murder. They masterminded the killing promising computers and jobs to hired killers.

Mohiuddin hatched the conspiracy as he apprehended that Taher might damage his career and would stand on way to promotion. This is because, Taher detected 'piracy' in his research papers. Salehi got involved for organisational gains.

Investigation and trial of the case witnessed several interruptions.

Dr Taher, a senior professor of Geology and Mining Department

was killed on February 1, 2006. Police recovered the body from a sewerage well behind his house on the campus on February 3.

Police arrested all five accused including Mohiuddin within seven days of killing. Mohiuddin's arrest needed government clearance as he is a university teacher.

Salehi remained out of police drag net till his surrender to court in April last year as Jamaat-Shibir leaders protected and sheltered him almost openly.

Local Jamaat-Shibir leaders held a big showdown in the city with Salehi on February 10, 2006. They boasted and asked policemen 'to catch Salehi if they have the bravery'.

Journalists were not allowed to follow proceedings of trial at court-room since shifting of the case to speedy trial tribunal.

## Re-Invitation for Bid

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Directorate General of Family Planning  
6, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215  
Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program (HNPS)  
IDA Credit No. 4052-BD

### Procurement of 2.2 million Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-6.5" & 1.2 million Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-7" Contract Package No: GFP-15/07

IFB No. DFP/L&S-3/2007/6224/61

Dated: 15 May, 2008

- This invitation for bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue nos. 652, dated April 16, 2005.
- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program (HNPS), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for procurement of 2.2 million Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-6.5" & 1.2 million Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-7", under contract package No. GFP-15/07.
- The Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply), Directorate General of Family Planning of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for procurement of 2.2 million Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-6.5" & 1.2 million Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-7" under 3 (three) sub-packages. Entire goods are to be supplied within 84-98 days from the date of effectiveness of the contract agreement. The description of the packages are as follows:

SI No.	Description	Quantity	Latest delivery date (for each sub-packages)
Sub-Package No. 1	Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-6.5 inches	1.1 million pairs	Delivery of the entire quantity will have to be completed within 14 weeks after the date of opening of the letter of credit for goods to be supplied from abroad and from the date of signing of the contract for goods to be supplied from within Bangladesh.
Sub-Package No. 2	Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-6.5 inches	1.1 million pairs	
Sub-Package No. 3	Rubber Surgical Gloves, Size-7 inches	1.2 million pairs	

A bidder may bid for one or more sub-packages. If bidding for more than one sub-package, each sub-package should be bid separately for each separate bid, bidders must submit separate bid submission form, price schedule and bid security. Bidder must bid for entire quantity of goods requested in the each sub-package. Evaluation and comparison of bids will be carried out simultaneously to determine the bid or combination of bids offering the lowest price to the purchaser for each sub-package. Price reductions or cross discounts will be considered in the evaluation and comparison of bids for more than one sub-package.

Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD loans and IDA Credits, May, 2004 and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the address mentioned below and inspect the bidding documents from 09:00am to 5:00pm in the working days.

Qualifications requirements include:

(A) Financial Capacity: (for each sub-package)  
The bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement(s):  
The bidder must have an average annual turnover of at least Tk 3 million or equivalent US dollar during the last 3 years which will be supported by audited financial report prepared by any independent Chartered Accountant firm.

(B) Experience and Technical Capacity: (for each sub-package)  
The bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the following experience requirement(s): (a) In the case of a bidder who manufacture the goods, the bidder should provide

(i) documentary evidence of having Annual Production Capacity of at least 3 million Rubber Gloves, (ii) certificate of incorporation/certificate of registration/trade licence (which one is applicable), (iii) a manufacturing licence for the specific goods,

(iv) at least two (2) years experience in manufacturing and marketing of specific goods and three (3) years experience in similar goods for which the IFB is issued.

(b) If the bidder is a supplier then it should have (i) certificate of incorporation/certificate of registration/trade licence (which one is applicable), (ii) at least two (2) years supply experience in specific goods and three (3) years supply experience in similar goods for which the IFB is issued,

(iii) the bidder should provide evidence of being duly authorised by the manufacturer, meeting the criteria under ((a) i, ii, iii, iv) above, to supply the goods in the purchasers country, as per manufacturer authorisation form under section IV, bidding forms.

(C) The bidder should have satisfactorily completed at least 1 (one) contract of the size of the subject procurement within last five years.

(D) The bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that the goods it offers meet the following usage requirement: As per technical specification under Section VI.

7. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by the interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka 6,500 (six thousand and five hundred) only or US\$ 100 (US dollar one hundred) only. The method of payment will be Pay-Order or Bank Draft from any schedule bank in Bangladesh or certified check from reputable foreign bank acceptable to the purchaser. The bidding documents will be sent by air mail to foreign bidders, or by courier to Bangladeshi bidders, if so requested or may be collected directly from the address below.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 12:00 noon of Bangladesh standard time (BST) on 3 July, 2008. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected and shall be returned unopened. Bids will be opened in presence of the bidder representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 12:30pm on 3 July, 2008. The bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Bangladesh Tk 2,00,000 or US\$ 2,900 or equivalent amount in freely convertible currency for each sub-package.

9. A pre-bid conference will be held on 5 June, 2008 in the office room of undersigned at 11:30am BST. All prospective bidders/bidders' representatives are requested to attend the conference in time.

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## China grateful

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earthquake and Myanmar cyclone.

A spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Dhaka yesterday said the Bangladesh government is committed to providing every kind of assistance within its capability to China, which is happily appreciated by the Chinese government and the people.

"A true friend is known in the days of adversity," MuYongpeng, the chief of Political Section, said at a press conference at the embassy.

Only Bangladesh and Peru have so far declared the mourning day for the quake and the cyclone victims in China and Myanmar.

The State Council of China declared national mourning from May 19 to 21. In the wake of the earthquake, the ongoing torch rally for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, slated to begin on August 8, was suspended from Monday to Wednesday.

In reply to a question, Yongpeng said if needed, the Chinese government would accept Bangladesh's offer for medical assistance for the quake victims.

The death toll in the earthquake that struck Wenchuan County of southwest China's Sichuan province on May 12 rose to 40,075 till May 20. The death toll was estimated to exceed 50,000 while about 32,361 people are still missing.

The quake, worst in 32 years, left about 247,645 people injured and more than five million people homeless.

Yongpeng said the direct economic losses are estimated at about \$9.5 billion.

He said 113,080 troops from the Chinese People's Liberation Army and armed police were sent to the disaster region for search and rescue tasks.

Some 33,434 people were rescued while 360,159 people and tourists, including foreign tourists, were safely evacuated.

A total of 115 medical teams and thousands of volunteers from all over the country poured in the region.

Yongpeng said the international community quickly responded after the earthquake. Japan, Russia, ROK and other countries sent rescuing and medical professional teams to China and made contributions to the disaster relief.

"At present, all the relief work is underway. We've the confidence and courage to overcome the difficulties caused by the shock and return normal life in the disaster region," he said.

The financial aid from the international community has surpassed \$2.46 billion till May 19.

## Aga Khan

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The Aga Khan assured the president of enhancing support to Bangladesh in achieving its development goals in different fields.

During the meeting, the president welcomed Prince Karim Aga Khan and thanked him for his contributions towards social, economic, religious and cultural development of the world Muslims as well as the people of Bangladesh.

President Iajuddin recognised the contribution of Aga Khan Development Network and Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) to Bangladesh's development, especially in the fields of education, healthcare, micro-finance, civil society development and poverty alleviation and hoped that the support would continue.

He thanked the Aga Khan for the contribution of the Ismaili community to Bangladesh's economic development, their services to the nation and establishment of the Aga Khan Academy for education and cultural development.

The president sought cooperation from the head of the Ismaili community in funding research work and stipends for Dhaka University students to promote quality education.

He suggested that the Ismaili community should take the excellent investment opportunities that Bangladesh offer to potential investors, especially in the fields of information and communication technology and agro-processing industries.

Prince Karim Aga Khan told the president that he had fruitful dis-

cussions with the Bangladesh authorities in strengthening relation between Bangladesh and his community and informed him of reviving the Aga Khan Gold Cup, once the most popular football tournament in the country.

Director of Diplomatic Affairs Shaikf Sachedina, President of Aga Khan Council for Bangladesh Habib Hirji and Director of Aga Khan Academies Salim Bhatia were present.

Foreign affairs adviser, Minister-in-Waiting Raja Debashish Roy, Military Secretary to the President Major General Mohd Aminul Karim, Secretary of the President's Office Md Sirajul Islam and Press Secretary to the President Abdul Awal Howlader were also present.

## RU BCL activist stabbed

RU CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activist of Rajshahi University unit was stabbed by rivals of the same party near Binodpur Tuesday night.

The victim is Maruful Islam Shuhin, a fourth year student of Statistic Department.

Shuhin received injuries as activists loyal of RU BCL president Ibrahim Hossain Moon attacked him with machete, hammer and iron rod.

Later, two factions of BCL were engaged in chase and counter chase on the campus yesterday.

## LEGAL NOTICE

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh  
High Court Division (Statutory Original Jurisdiction)  
Matter No. 89 of 2008

In the Matter of:

An application under section 12 and 13 of the Companies Act, 1994

and

Noakhali Oil Refinery Ltd., Al-Amin House, College Road, Majidee, Noakhali.

..... Petitioner.

Versus

The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms of Bangladesh; 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

..... Respondent.

Notice is hereby given that upon an application filed by the petitioner Noakhali Oil Refinery Ltd. under section 12 and 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 for obtaining permission for alteration and addition of the Memorandum of Associations of Noakhali Oil Refinery Ltd., the Company Bench of the Honorable High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh presided over by Mr. Justice Syed Refat Ahmed was pleased to admit the same on 11/05/2008 and fixed the matter for hearing on 01/07/2008.

If any one interested to oppose that said application he may do so by an Advocate of in person. Copy of the same may be obtained from the undersigned upon payment of prescribed fees.

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Mr. Md. Shahjahan Majumder, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh.  
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