

Assault of freedom fighter by Jamaat-Shibir triggers protests

Demonstrations in Rajshahi, Dinajpur demand trial of war criminals



Teachers, students and employees bring out a rally on Rajshahi University campus, left, and Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad forms a human chain in Dinajpur town yesterday protesting Jamaat-backed Jatiya Muktijoddha Parishad's assault of a freedom fighter in Dhaka.

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Assault of freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali by Jamaat-Shibir activists at a gathering of a Jamaat-backed so-called freedom fighter's organisation in Dhaka on Friday triggered protests by freedom fighters, professionals and students in different districts yesterday.

Teachers and students of Rajshahi University protested the incident by staging demonstrations, condemned the so-called organization and demanded punishment of war criminals.

Muktijoddha Mancha and Muktijoddha Pathagar in Rajshahi in separate statements also condemned the attack.

In Dinajpur, freedom fighters formed a human chain demanding punishment of war criminals.

At Rajshahi University, several hundred teachers and students

under the banner of Muktijoddha Santan (sons and daughters of freedom fighters) yesterday staged a big rally in front of the Central Library protesting the attack, reports our RU Correspondent.

Earlier, they brought out a protest procession on the campus covering their faces with black ribbons. They formed a human chain, paraded the campus and held a rally, participated by RU teachers, students, officials and activists of different student organisations.

Speakers at the rally strongly condemned the assault on freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali and demanded punishment of leaders of the so-called Jatiya Muktijoddha Parishad leaders for their derogatory comments about the principles of Liberation War.

They called upon the government to initiate trial of war criminals immediately and ban Jamaat-Shibir politics.

Freedom fighter Prof Moly Kumar Bhowmik said the freedom fighters who joined the so-called organisation backed by anti-liberation Jamaat are enemies of the country.

He urged freedom fighters to unite to resist 'war criminals'.

Convener of Muktijoddha Santan Zinna-Al-Mamun urged all progressive students organisations to unite and launch a fresh movement against anti-liberation forces.

RU teacher Prof Shamsuddin Ila and members of the organisation Masud Rana Mintu and Rodwan Ahmed addressed the rally, among others.

Earlier, the Progressive Teachers Alliance (PTA) and RU units of Chhatra League, Progotishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ), Chhatra Union (BCU) and Bangabandhu Parishad



PHOTO: STAR

also brought out processions protesting the assault on the freedom fighter.

They urged demanded punishment of Jamaat-Shibir cadres and security of assaulted freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali.

Muktijoddha Mancha and Muktijoddha Pathagar in Rajshahi in separate statements strongly condemned the assault on the freedom fighter.

They said Jamaat formed the so-called Jatiya Muktijoddha Parishad to harass genuine freedom fighters.

They demanded immediate ban of Jatiya Muktijoddha Parishad punish those who assaulted freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali Aman.

They also demanded trial of war criminals.

Freedom fighters are the greatest sons of the soil they said and urged the government to ensure their dignity and security.

Reforms to police ordn a demand of time, says IGP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Noor Mohammad yesterday said reforms to police ordinance is a demand of time.

The IGP was addressing a meeting organised here yesterday to exchange views with elite and leaders of different professional groups. Rangpur superintendent of police (SP) Hasif Aziz chaired the meeting while it was attended by director general (DG) of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) Hasan Mahmud Khandaker as special guest.

The IGP said he hoped the government would declare police reforms ordinance shortly.

He warned that action would be taken against policemen for doing misdeeds. Rab DG asked members of the law enforcing agencies to work for uprooting Islamic militancy and drug trade.

Among others, DIG of Rajshahi Range Moklesur Rahman, Rangpur Police Training Centre Commandant Mili Biswas and president of Rangpur unit of community policing Sadrul Alam Dulu addressed.

Provide candidates' info to elect honest persons

Speakers at Khulna meet urge EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Speakers at a view exchange meeting yesterday said emergency power rules are not the final solution for all the problems including crime in the society.

At the meeting on 'Role of media in the local body elections and concerned rules and regulations', they suggested more reforms in the Election Commission so that people can get their right to have full information about candidates contesting for mayoral and councillor posts in the local government elections.

Channel 1, The Daily Star and the Prothom Alo were the media partners in the programme organised by Shushashoner Janney Nagarik (Shujan) at the VIP lounge of Khulna Press Club.

Elections under state of emergency are not at all desirable, former adviser to a caretaker government M Hafizuddin Khan said in his

speech as the chief guest at the view exchange meeting.

In line with Right to Information Act, the Election Commission must provide people with information about background of mayoral and councillor candidates so that they can elect honest persons, he said.

Stressing the need for creating awareness among the people, he urged media to play their role in this regard so that dishonest men cannot stage their comeback in the elections with help of black money and muscle power.

"I am convinced that good men still outnumber bad men. So, it is moral obligation of every citizen to build up strong unity to resist rise of corrupt people and criminalisation of politics," he said.

Shujon General Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder, Khulna district unit President Prof Md Zafar Imam, district General

Secretary advocate Kudrat-e-Khuda and central coordinator Dilip Kumar Sarker and Khulna Press Club President Wadudur Rahman Panna and several local journalists spoke in the view exchange meeting.

Shujan's Khulna district unit President Prof Mohammad Zafar Imam presided over the meeting.

Calling upon the people to elect honest and competent candidates, Shujon General Secretary Badiul Alam said it will be harmful for the country if corrupt people are elected again.

It is duty of the EC to ensure a free and fair election so that voters can exercise their right of franchise without fear, he said.

Journalists speaking on the occasion said several listed criminals who were elected in the past have staged comeback in the Khulna City Corporation election race.

Patient's body found in hospital with injury mark

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Kowotali police recovered body of a patient from near his bed at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital with stab injuries on neck Saturday night, hospital sources said. The victim was identified as Moslem Ali, 70, of Kadamtali village in Itbaria union in Barguna. He was admitted to Barguna Sader Hospital following a road accident on June 12. He was shifted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, hospital sources said. The victim's sister-in-law was attending the patient, they said.

After the incident, she allegedly fled away. Police recovered a sharp weapon from the spot.

Later, the body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. Police is on hunt for the assailants.

DEMAND FOR ARREAR DUES, PAY HIKE Khulna jute workers stage hunger procession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Production in three state-owned Crescent Jute Mills, Platinum Jubilee Jute Mills and Star Jute Mills in Khulna remained suspended from 9:00am to 12:00 noon yesterday as over two thousand workers staged sit-in on Khalishpur BIDD Road to press home their eight-point demands.

The demands include payment of their outstanding dues including weekly wages and lay-off benefits,

increase in dearness allowance, reinstatement of all retrenched workers, allocation of necessary fund to mills to purchase raw jute and absorption of bad (casual) workers into permanent category.

Khulna regional unit of newly launched organisation styled 'Nationalised Jute Mills Workers' Development Committee' called the sit-in programme.

Later at a rally held at Khalishpur, workers' leaders warned the BJMC chairman of a tough movement if their demands are not met by July 20.

They also demanded an investigation into assets of the officers of state-owned jute mills and BJMC and CBA leaders of the jute mills.

CBA leaders Sohrab Hossain of Crescent Jute Mills, Matiar Rahman of Platinum Jubilee Jute Mills and Ruhul Amin of Star Jute Mills addressed the rally presided over by committee convener Gazi Masum Ahmed.



Khulna jute workers stage a sit-in on Khalishpur BIDD Road in the city yesterday for arrears dues and wage hike.

RAPE INCIDENTS One gets life, another 2 yrs RI in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A court in Patuakhali gave life term to one rapist and 12 years' imprisonment to another in two cases.

Judge M M Matin of Women Repression Prevention Court gave life term to Shahin Sikder for raping Rakhain girl Mancha on December 19, 2003 when she was alone at their house. On April 26, 2004, Mancha filed a case with the court.

In another verdict, the judge handed down 12 years' imprisonment to Jahangir, 26 of Baufal upazila district for raping Ruma Begum on the night of November 11, 2006.

66 in race in Phulbari municipal polls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Sixty-six candidates including 10 persons for the mayoral post are finally running in the election race at Phulbari municipality, Phulbari Upazila Election Office sources said.

A total of 70 candidates including 12 for the mayoral post, 12 for three reserved seats for women and 46 for nine councillor posts had earlier submitted their nomination papers.

However, mayoral candidate Rafiqul Islam withdrew his candidature yesterday, the last day for withdrawal, while candidature of three candidates including one for the mayoral post was cancelled during scrutiny earlier.

Among the mayoral candidates are -- Abdullah Mustaq (senior vice-president of pourasava BNP), Md Kabir Hossain (ex-joint convener of pourasava BNP), Mujibur Rahman, the incumbent chairman of Phulbari municipality, also president of pourasava BNP, Phulbari upazila Awami League (AL) Organizing Secretary Golam Kibria, Md Nurul Islam (vice-president of upazila AL), Yunus Ali, Shafiqul Islam and Omar Faruq.

Election symbols will be distributed among the candidates today, election office sources said.

In nine wards under Phulbari municipality, there are 17,266 voters including 8,648 male and 8,618 female people. Some 5,000 voters decreased in the fresh voter list prepared this year.

Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited (A Company of Petrobangla) Chowhati, Upazila: Parbatipur, District: Dinajpur Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender are invited from the eligible tenderer for the following works as per terms and conditions stated below:

1	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited.
3	Procuring entity name	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited.
4	Procuring entity code	None
5	Procuring entity district	Dinajpur
6	Invitation for	Works
7	Invitation Ref No.	BCMCL/11/09(SES)/228
8	Date	07/07/2008
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
10	Budget and source of funds	Company's revenue budget.
11	Project/programme code	Not applicable.
12	Project/programme name	Not applicable.
13	Tender publication date	14/07/2008
14	Tender package No.	05 (five).
15	Tender last selling date	04/08/2008
16	Tender closing date and time	Date: 05/08/2008 Time: 11:30am
17	Tender opening date and time	Date: 05/08/2008 Time: 11:45am
18	Name & address of the office(s)	
Selling tender document		
Tender document are available in the following offices during office hours:		
1. Accounts Division, Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur.		
2. Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petrocentre, 3, Kawran Bazar CA, Dhaka-1215.		
Receiving tender document		
Manager (Surface Engineering Services) Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur.		
Opening tender document		
Manager (Surface Engineering Services) Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur.		
19	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Tender must have experience of completing minimum 1 (one) No. building or similar work amounting Tk 6 lakh in a single tender within last 5 years. 2. Having a valid trade license for the current fiscal year 2007-2008. 3. Income tax clearance certificate for the fiscal year 2005-2006. 4. Valid VAT registration certificate. 5. Other qualification as described in TDS.
20	Brief description of goods or works	1. Package No-SES/01: Removing coal from pool to coal yard. 2. Package No-SES/02: Earth work, brick work, plastering pointing, painting, white washing, RCC work shuttering shuttering ETC. 3. Package No-SES/03: Earth work, RCC work, shuttering sheeting ETC. 4. Package No-SES/04: Earth work, RCC work, shuttering ETC. 5. Package No-SES/05: Grilling, painting ETC.
21	Price of tender document (Tk)	1. Package No-SES/01 Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only 2. Package No-SES/02 Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only 3. Package No-SES/03 Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only 4. Package No-SES/04 Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only 5. Package No-SES/05 Tk. 500.00 (five hundred) only.
22	Package No.	Identification of lot Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in months/ weeks/days
	SES/01	Coal cleaning work of sludge dewatering pool at BCMCL Site area BCMCL Site, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur. 13,000.00 (thirteen thousand) only 365 days
	SES/02	Construction of boundary wall between M&P building and staff quarter at BCMCL Site area BCMCL Site, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur. 14,000.00 (fourteen thousand) only 60 days
	SES/03	Renovation work of oil Tank Depot with attached road at BCMCL Site area BCMCL Site, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur. 8,000.00 (eight thousand) only 60 days
	SES/04	Construction of mine car dumping system at BCMCL Site area BCMCL Site, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur. 18,000.00 (eighteen thousand) only 60 days
	SES/05	Supplying, fitting and fixing grill of fully mechanized workshop middle wall opening at BCMCL Site area BCMCL Site, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur. 9,000.00 (nine thousand) only 60 days
23	Name of official inviting tender	AKM Khaledul Islam
24	Designation of official inviting tender	Manager (Surface Engineering Services)
25	Address of official inviting tender	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited, Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur.
26	Contact details of official inviting tender	01721-469093
27	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

AKM Khaledul Islam
Manager (Surface Engineering Services)
Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS

As per Article 106 of the Articles of Association of the Company, nominations in the prescribed forms are invited from the eligible public shareholders expressing his/her willingness to contest the election of Directors from among the public subscribers to the paid-up capital in the 22nd Annual General Meeting to be held as per schedule mentioned below:

Date of Election : September 16, 2008.
Time of Election : 12.30 p.m.
Place of election : Shooting Complex, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212.

Number of Directors to be elected : 02 (two).

Nomination forms and criteria for qualification of Directors are available at the registered office of the Company. The nomination form duly completed and signed along with relevant supporting papers confirming the fact that he/she is not otherwise disqualified to become a Director of a General Insurance Company should reach the Registered Office of the Company latest by August 31, 2007 (upto 5.00 P.M.).

By order of the Board of Directors,
Saiful Islam
Md. Saiful Islam,
SVP & Company Secretary (C.C.)

Dated: Dhaka, the 13th July, 2008.

ALLEGED MURDER IN KUSHTIA Skeleton exhumed after 2 years for DNA test

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Skeleton of a man killed two years ago was exhumed yesterday for DNA test and probe into the alleged murder.

Police exhumed the skeleton of Sona Mondol 38 of Gourdah village in Mirpur upazila in presence of Magistrate Sajedul Islam.

According to police, strangled body of Sona Mondol was recovered from the rail track at Shimultala in the upazila on March 29, 2006.

On the following day, Marjul, Khejur Ali and Abdus Sattar, member of Chhatra Union Parishad (UP), filed a general diary with Mirpur police station terming it a suicide by 'mentally retarded' Sona Mondol.

Two days later, Chalak Ali, son-in-law of Sona Mondol, filed a murder case against five persons. They were Marjul, UP member Abdus Sattar his son Milon Ali, Abul Hossain and Asia Khatun.

In his case, Chalak claimed that Marjul and his men killed Sona as he came to know an extra marital

affair between Marjul and Asia Khatun. Asia was wife of Kader Joarder of the village.

Sona's family sources earlier claimed that Marjul and Milon called him (Sona) out of his house on the night of March 28, 2006. He was missing since then, they said.

They also claimed that Sona was strangled and the body was left on the rail track at Shimultala.

Police had also submitted charge sheet of the case dropped the names of all accused and terming it a 'unnatural death'. Later court discarded the case.

On April 28 this year, Chalak Ali appealed to a judicial magistrate court for further investigation. He claimed that Marjul had diverted the case by influencing police as he was a local BNP leader.

The court ordered police exhumed the body for further investigation.

Contacted, officer-in-charge of Mirpur police station said the skeleton will be sent for DNA test for further probe.

Outlaw arrested in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

An outlaw was arrested at Borobari village in Shaikupa upazila on Saturday.

Shuklal was arrested while holding a meeting at the village with cadres of the outlawed Gono Mukti Foj. But his accomplices fled the scene. Earlier, people caught him red-handed while he was going to kill a Union Parishad chairman at Sreepur in Magura. The mob beat him up by breaking his one leg and pulling out his one eye. Despite this, he did not give up his illegal activities as an outlaw. Police handed over him to the respective police station from where he was released on July 8.

Earlier, police arrested another cadre of the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party named Ishaque. On his confessional statement, police recovered a shutter gun, two bullets and a bomb from his village home at Bazar Gopalpur in Jhenidah Sadar. He is accused in killing a police source named Fazlu Khora, police said.