

## Bijoy Sarani-Tejgaon

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made of RCC [Reinforced Cement Concrete] pillars," said Humayun Kabir, son of the building owner Firoza Khatun.

The court has also stayed for six months the demolish work of the five-storey building that belongs to Monoreja Akand, Abdul Hai added.

A total of 24 structures were acquired to construct the 2400-foot-long and 60-foot wide road from Bijoy Sarani to Tejgaon, connecting the Old Airport Road at Bijoy Sarani and Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani at Nabisco intersection in Tejgaon, said a Rajuk official.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council in late August, 2007 approved the project for the road costing Tk 122 crore.

"We are hoping to complete the construction work by November but it is dependent on the demolition of the buildings that are on the road," said managing director of Bhuiyan Engineering Ltd who got the work order for constructing the road.

"We started our work about a month ago and we are now setting up pipes for the drainage system which will be under the pavement of the road," he said.

The firm on March 25 received the Tk 3.80-crore work order to construct the road and it has to finish the job in six months from starting, said a Rajuk official.

Rajuk on June 24 gave a work order to the joint-venture firm of RP and Udayan to construct an overpass at Tejgaon Level Crossing with an estimated cost of Tk 39 crore, the official said.

The firm has started their job and will take six months to complete, he said.

Apart from the buildings which are in the legal battle with the DC office and Rajuk, the demolition of

other buildings is going on, the Rajuk official requesting not to be named said.

The demolition of the 22-storey Rangs Bhaban that started August 3, 2007, is going on and floors above 11th floor have been demolished, said the official Thursday.

"We hope to complete the demolition work of Rangs Bhaban by December," he said.

Rajuk in the first week of November, 2007 demolished 44 illegal structures built on the land of the proposed road.

An official of Rajuk said they received documents regarding 3.75 acres of land and structures built on the land of the road from the DC office on March 13 as the city planner gave the DC office Tk 42.83 crore on February 27 as estimated cost of the land and structures.

## 'Breakthrough'

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substance onto the surface of a hijacked cell.

Proteins are nature's building blocks. They are large molecules that are essential for the function of cells in the body.

Professor Alan Cowman, a member of the research team at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, said targeting those proteins could be a key to fighting malaria.

"We essentially block the virulence or the capacity of the parasite to cause disease," he said.

Malaria is preventable and curable, but can be fatal if not treated promptly.

The disease kills more than a million people each year. Many of the victims are young children in sub-Saharan Africa.

## Electioneering

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Moni and Taibur yesterday started their door-to-door campaigning.

Advocate Enayet Ali, the former chairman of the then Khulna Municipality and a leader of AL's Khulna unit, was allotted 'rickshaw' symbol. He will begin his campaigning formally after holding a press conference at 11:30am today.

Symbols for candidates running for councillor posts in 31 wards and 10 reserved seats were also allotted yesterday.

**RAJSHAHI**  
City AL General Secretary AHM Khairuzzaman Lito was allotted 'lock' symbol while city AL president Masudul Haque Dulu received 'rickshaw' symbol.

Acting Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor and BNP leader Rezaun Nabi Dulu received 'cup' symbol, former district BNP general secretary advocate Enamul Haque received 'wall clock' symbol and city Jubo Dal president Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul received 'tiger' symbol.

Raihanur Rahman, city convener of Progressive Democratic Party, received 'pineapple' symbol, city Jatia Party president Dural Huda received 'pen with ink pot', Jubo League leader Nasir Uddin Ahmed received 'chair' and district convener of Bikalpadhara Bangladesh Akbaruzzaman Bablu received 'television'.

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal district convener Ruhul Kuddus Tunu received 'umbrella', Amra Rajshahibashi convener Abdul Matin Khan received 'wheel', independent candidate Farman Ali received 'swan', Abdul Khalek received 'ship', Abul Kalam Azad received 'table' and Siddique Rahman received 'fish' as their election symbols.

Nagorik Committee candidate Lito and Jubo Dal leader Bulbul started their election campaign in Rajshahi city after receiving their symbols.

Lito's campaigners brought out a rickshaw procession in the city while making announcements over loudspeakers, reports our RU correspondent.

**BARISAL**  
AL-led 14-party combine formally started campaign for its mayoral candidate Shaukat Hossain Hiron, the convener of Barisal City Awami League, through holding a public rally at Alakanda, reported our Barisal correspondent.

Other mayoral candidates also began election campaign after getting the polls symbols yesterday. They also expressed satisfaction for getting the chance to conduct election campaign formally.

Hiron got television as election symbol while BNP leader Ebadul Haque Chan got ship, expelled BNP leader and former mayor Ashan Habib Kamal got wall clock, Nagorik Parishad President Enayet Pir Khan got fish and Progressive Democratic Party leader Sharfuddin Ahmed Santu got umbrella.

**SYLHET**  
Many candidates could not start their campaign in Sylhet due to inclement weather, reported our staff correspondent from Sylhet.

However, some mayoral and councillor candidates began their door-to-door campaign in some areas.

A committee titled 'Nagorik Parishad' was formed to conduct election campaign for incumbent mayor and 14-party alliance candidate Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran.

Former poura chairman and BNP leader AFM Kamal started his campaign through holding a meeting in the city's Shikhhata last night.

Meanwhile, Bikalpadhara Bangladesh leader MA Mukit Khan also started his election campaign.

Kamran got pineapple as election symbol while MA Haque got fish, Kamal got TV, Mukit got umbrella, Babul Hossain Babul got rickshaw, PDP leader Quazi Kamal got chair, Jatia Party (JP) leader Abdus Samad Nazrul got lock, Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish (BKM) leader Syed Muhibur Rahman got wheel, JP leader Kunu Miah got bus, BKM leader Sirajul Islam Siraj got inkpot, Bangladesh Liberal Party leader Kuntub Uddin Ahmed got tea cup, Jatia Samajtantrik Dal leader Syed Habibur Rahman Hiron got spectacles, PDP leader Syed Ali Afzar got table, independent candidates Salah Uddin Rimon got clock, and Basher Uddin Ahmed got duck.

In the JMP constitution, Fazul Haq, another vice-president of JMP, is described as sub-sector commander of Noakhali area.

Col (ret'd) Jafar Imam told a Bangla newspaper Sunday that he knows all commanders who fought in greater Noakhali but he does not know any commander named Fazul Haq.

A freedom fighter on Friday was assaulted by Islami Chhatra Shibir activists at Diploma Engineers' Institute in the city where Jamaat-backed Jatia Mukti Joddha Parishad was holding a representatives' conference.

The elderly freedom fighter came under attack as he in his address demanded punishment to the Jamaat men who were members of Al-Badr and "Peace Committee" during the Liberation War.

**NO ARREST YET**  
Police are yet to arrest the Shibir cadres who assaulted freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali Aman for demanding trial of Jamaat leaders allegedly involved in war crimes during the liberation war.

The liberation war veteran filed a general diary (GD) with Ramna Police Station on Sunday for assaulting and keeping him confined.

Police recorded the GD as a case at around 9:00pm on Sunday after conducting primary investigation.

"We have requested the authorities of a private television channel to give us the video footage of the incident to identify those who assaulted the complainant," Aksad Belal, sub-inspector of Ramna Police Station and investigation officer (IO) of the case, told The Daily Star last night.

He said they took the initiative after the complainant told them that he would be able to recognise the attackers if he sees them again.

The IO said they started investigating the incident since Sunday night.

**W H E N K E D , D H A K A**  
Metropolitan Police Commissioner Naim Ahmed said the case is under investigation.

## Prof Rafiqu

**FROM PAGE 1**  
the bail petition of detained AL state minister for planning Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir in a Tk 1-crore extortion case.

**CASE AGAINST RAFIQ**  
ACC Assistant Director Mohammad Aminur Rahman, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court of Dhaka showing 23 people as prosecution witnesses.

The IO prayed for issuance of arrest warrants against Rafiq's wife and son and the order to attach their properties as they are absconding since the case was filed.

In the charge sheet, the IO said the charges brought against the three were primarily proved and they should be brought under trial.

On November 16 last year, ACC Deputy Director Monzur Morshed filed the case against them with Dhanmondi Police Station.

In the case statement, the complainant said Prof Rafiqul Islam submitted his wealth statements to the commission through jail authorities on July 25 last year.

In the statements, Rafiq showed his wealth worth Tk 74,38,804 but the IO found that he has wealth worth Tk 1,00,31,548 beyond known sources of his income and concealed to the commission wealth information of Tk 53,52,743.

Rafiq's wife and son were accused of abetting him acquire the illegal wealth.

**CASE AGAINST SELIM**  
Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Rabbani yesterday allowed the ACC to interrogate Selim after ACC Assistant Director Niru Shamsunnahar submitted a petition in this regard.

The court directed the IO to interrogate the accused on July 20 at the jail gate.

On April 23 this year, ACC Deputy Director Abdul Karim filed the case against Selim with Ramna Police Station in connection with accumulating wealth worth Tk 3,38,73,140 through illegal means and concealing wealth information to the commission.

The complainant in the case said Selim concealed information of wealth worth over Tk 22.39 lakh in his wealth statement submitted to the ACC and amassed wealth worth over Tk 3.38 crore illegally.

Selim submitted his wealth statement on July 22, 2007, declaring wealth worth Tk 5,13,98,000.

**CASE AGAINST ALAMGIR**  
Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque of

the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday denied bail to Alamgir after the defence lawyers filed a petition against the rejection order of a lower court.

On October 10 last year, Abdul Monem, managing director of Abdul Monem Ltd, filed the case against Alamgir with Gulshan Police Station accusing him of extorting Tk 1 crore from him on two dates through two cheques.

Alamgir, arrested February 4 last year, was earlier sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment for amassing wealth through illegal means and concealing wealth information to the ACC.

## Robbers

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"They knocked at my room at around 3:30 am," Rokibul Hasan, the only male member of the family present in the house at the time, told The Daily Star.

He suspects that the robbers climbed over the boundary wall of the building to get to the first floor balcony.

"As soon as I opened the door, two of the robbers pointed pistols at my head and one held a knife at my throat. Then they tied up my hands behind my back" he said.

He quoted one of the robbers telling him, "Do not shout. If you shout, you will all be finished off."

The robbers after tying up all eight members of the household, including Rokibul's US expatriate sister and niece visiting them, asked them for the keys to all the wardrobes in the house.

They then looted the valuables including gold ornaments, a diamond ring, a diamond necklace, US\$ 450 in cash, four cameras and six mobile phone sets, from the wardrobes.

The robbers then fled after cutting open the collapsible gate of the building.

Rokibul suspects that some neighbours might be involved in the incident as the robbers had inside information about his expatriate sister visiting them, and also that his brother was not home that night.

His elder brother, who had left for India earlier that day, returned home from the Benapole border when he was informed of the robbery.

Pallabi police said yesterday afternoon that they are yet to arrest anyone in this connection.

About a month ago, a similar robbery occurred in the area but police could not make any breakthrough in that incident either.

## Proclamation

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Mohsen Rashid, Nahid Sultana Juthi and Md Abdul Mannan Khan jointly filed the writ petition as public interest litigation (PIL) seeking issuance of a rule upon the government to explain why the proclamation of the state of emergency and the ordinance, rules and orders concerned should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional.

The HC bench of Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Mashuque Hosain Ahmed yesterday heard part of the petition and adjourned the hearing. They fixed today for next hearing of the petition.

The law secretary, establishment secretary and home secretary have been made respondents in the petition.

It was stated in the writ petition that the president declared emergency in the country on January 11 last year with a malafide intention and collateral purpose to extend his rule beyond 90 days while holding the office as de facto chief adviser purportedly under Article 141 A (1) of the constitution expressing his "satisfaction" that a "grave emergency exists" in which the "security and economic life of Bangladesh is threatened by internal disturbance."

It also said the state of emergency was promulgated on January 11, 2007, without lawful authority, as the president had no constitutional authority to promulgate emergency.

"The precondition prescribed in clause (1) of Article 141 of the constitution that a grave emergency exists in which the security and economic life of Bangladesh is threatened by internal disturbance has been totally absent," it said.

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## 9 US troops, dozens

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for the Nato-led International Security Assistance Force.

"The troops in the combat outpost fought back hard to make sure the insurgents did not overrun the place."

Hours of fighting, including air strikes, prevented the militants from taking over the base, with rebel casualties in the "high double figures", said Finney.

Between 400 and 500 militants from various anti-government factions including Taliban, al-Qaeda and the Hezb-i-Islami faction were involved, a senior Afghan defence ministry official said on defence of anonymity.

They attacked the newly established base there and reached even its walls. At one point they had entered the base," he said, citing information from the ground.

"I don't know if the soldiers died inside the base or outside but the enemy had reached the walls."

Troops were able to push them back with ground fighting and attack helicopters.

"Reports we got from the area suggest that about 400 enemy were killed and around the same number of them were wounded," he said.

Isa's Finney said between 100 and 150 Afghan and international troops had moved into the outpost, near the village of Wanat, less than a week earlier.

Finney would not give the nationalities of the Isaf troops killed in the attack, but a Western official confirmed on condition of anonymity that they were all US nationals.

Americans form the bulk of the nearly 70,000 international troops in Afghanistan to help the fragile government fight back an insurgency led by the hardline Taliban, who were ousted in a US-led invasion in late 2001.

The attack in Kunar, which adjoins Pakistan -- where Afghan officials say insurgents are based, was one of the deadliest incidents for

international forces in Afghanistan in years.

Meanwhile, a roadside bomb tore through a civilian pick-up truck in eastern Afghanistan on Monday killing seven people, a government spokesman said.

"The bomb was perhaps planted to target military vehicles," Paktika province spokesman Ghamal Khan Mohammadyar told AFP, accusing Taliban-linked insurgents of planting the homemade device.

"It struck a civilian car and killed seven people, all civilians," he said. The blast was the latest attack in a spike of violence in Afghanistan, including an assault on a military outpost Sunday that killed nine US soldiers and wounded 15.

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