

FF's ASSAULT MOUNTS PROTEST IN RAJSHAHI, MYMENSINGH, SATKHIRA

# Punishment of culprits, trial of war criminals demanded

## Detect fake freedom fighters listed during BNP rule, protesters demand

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Protests mounted yesterday in several districts against assault of a freedom fighter by Jamaat-Shibir activists in the capital on Friday.

For the second day, students including activists of Chhatra League staged day-long demonstrations at Rajshahi University braving rains, demanding punishment of the culprits and ban on the so-called Jamaat-backed freedom fighters' body.

Freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali was assaulted by Jamaat-Shibir cadres at Friday's gathering in the capital organised by Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad, floated by Jamaat.

In Mymensingh, freedom fighters demanded trial of war criminals and dropping of names of 'fake freedom fighters' gazetted during the rule of BNP-backed four-party alliance.

In Satkhira freedom fighters, joined by people, formed a human chain and demanded trial of war criminals and a ban on the Jamaat-backed so-called freedom fighters' body.

Our RU Correspondent reports: Hundreds students under banner of Muktiyoddha Santan yesterday staged a demonstration on the campus and demanded punishment of Jamaat-Shibir cadres who

assaulted freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali for seeking trial of war criminals.

Ignoring rain, they brought out a procession on the campus chanting slogans against anti-liberation forces and the Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad and held a rally in front of Central Library.

Speakers at the rally demanded a ban on so-called Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad for misleading the people and making derogatory comments about the Liberation War.

They criticised the government for ignoring the demand for initiating trial of war criminals and gave it a July 21 deadline for trial of culprits behind Friday's incident. They threatened of tougher agitation for non-compliance.

Urged all progressive forces to unite, the speakers said a freedom fighter was assaulted at a time when the Sector Commanders Forum are demanding trial of war criminals. This shows audacious attitude of anti-liberation forces, they said.

The RU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, student front of Awami League, also brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus demanding punishment of culprits who assaulted freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali.

The rally also demanded ban

on the so-called Jamaat-backed freedom fighters' body and trial of war criminals.

Rajshahi Theater, a cultural body, also urged freedom fighters and progressive organisations to unite to resist anti-liberation forces.

Our Mymensingh Correspondent reports: Leaders of Mymensingh district unit command of Muktiyoddha Sangsad yesterday said assault of Sheikh Mohammad Ali is assault of the nation and all freedom fighters.

"We have no language to condemn the incident", Muktiyoddha Sangsad commander in Mymensingh Md. Abdur Rob said at a press conference at Mymensingh Press Club.

Jamaat has formed a body with 'fake freedom fighters' to befool the people and foil their demand for trial of war criminals, he said in a written statement.

Fake freedom fighters were given certificates during the rule of BNP-Jamaat alliance he said and urged the government to scrap the gazette in this regard.

The Muktiyoddha Sangsad declared Hamid Ullah Khan persona non grata in Mymensingh, calling him a 'traitor'.

Among others, freedom fighters Md. Hafizur Rahman, KM Shabbab Uddin, MA Sattar,

Ziauddin Ahmed, SA Kalam and Md. Kamal Pasha spoke at the press conference, largely attended by freedom fighters.

Our Satkhira Correspondent reports: Freedom fighters in Satkhira, joined by people, yesterday held a rally and formed a human chain in the town demanding punishment of the culprits who assaulted freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali.

The programmes were organized by Satkhira Muktiyoddha Oikya Parishad.

Speakers at the rally said anti-liberation forces have raised their heads again as war criminals were not tried.

Politically rehabilitated, anti-liberation forces are now attacking freedom fighters to divert the nation's demand for trial of war criminals, they said.

They demanded ban on so-called Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad and trial of war criminals.

Jamaat has formed a so-called freedom fighters' organisation with fake freedom fighters with a motive to gain politically by befooling the people.

Pro-liberation forces and genuine freedom fighters should now come forward to foil the conspiracy, the speakers said.



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Freedom fighters form a human chain in Satkhira, left, Rajshahi University students bring out a rally yesterday demanding punishment of culprits responsible for assaulting a freedom fighter in the capital on Friday and trial of war criminals.

## Ex-BNP MP in Satkhira sued for evading tax

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A case was filed Monday evening with Satkhira Sadar police station against former BNP lawmaker Habibul Islam Habib and his sister-in-law Shahidul Islam for evading tax through forgery.

Habib, elected from Satkhira-1 (Tala-Kalaroa constituency in 2001 election, is on the run to evade arrest as he is on the list of Anticorruption Commission's corruption suspect.

Deputy Commissioner of Taxes Commission MA Abdus Sabur lodged the case.

Sources said Habib evaded taxes for M/s Sonia Filling Station owned by him in connivance with his sister-in-law, which was proved during primary investigation.

On contact, Sadar police station officer-in-charge Abdul Kader Beg confirmed filing of the case.

LANDSIDE

## 4 shelters in Khagrachhari for vulnerable people

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

As part of initiative to save most vulnerable 140 families from hill slides in Khagrachhari, the district administration has opened four shelter centres at different places of Sadar upazila.

The seven-member monitoring team led by Additional District Magistrate Monirud Kishore Majumder have started visiting door to door to motivate vulnerable people to take shelter in safe places including the four centres.

They have also arranged announcement through loudspeakers in the most vulnerable areas to encourage people take safe shelter at Textile Vocational Institute, Shalbon Shishu Kalyan Primary School, Shalbagun Fourth Class Employee's Dormitory and Comilla Tilla Registered Primary School.

Other members of the team are Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Rahed Hossen, Sadar Assistant Commissioner (Land) Mohammad Kawsar Hossen, Deputy Collector (Revenue) Nazim Uddin, Executive Magistrate Abul Amin, Nur Alam and The Daily Star correspondent Jasim Majumder.

The four shelters have been opened as the administration is fully ready to check hill slides calamities, Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Shahadat Hossen said.

He sought cooperation from the civil society leaders to make the initiative successful.



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A gift of monsoon, delicious and attractive star apples adorn Abdul Baten's garden at Office Bazaar in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila.

## Tk 2cr drugs seized in Dinajpur, Joypurhat in 2 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Law enforcers including BDR, police and RAB recovered huge quantities of drugs including cocaine and hemp worth Tk 2 crore from different places of Dinajpur and Joypurhat districts in two days.

Bangladesh Rifles yesterday recovered about 1 kg cocaine worth Tk 1 crore from an intercity train in Phulbari. Earlier on Monday, they recovered 500gm cocaine from the same train.

Rapid Action Battalion of Joypurhat on Monday recovered various drugs including 270 bottles of phensidyl and eight kg hemp from different places in the district. Drug traffickers have been using

these bordering districts as safe drug trafficking routes for cocaine, brown sugar, smack and other narcotics, sources of law enforcement agencies said.

BDR, Rab and police recovered around 11,000 bottles of phensidyl from different places in Dinajpur and Joypurhat districts in recent months.

Police and BDR have recently initiated an extensive campaign in the bordering districts to net drug smugglers and peddlers who are now targeting students of universities, colleges, even schools for making them drug addicts.

Earlier on Saturday night, a BDR team seized 600gm heroin worth about Tk 77 lakh and Tk 17 lakh Indian goods from a Parbatipur-bound intercity train.

## 120 polling centres in Sylhet city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Election Commission has prepared a list of 120 polling centres for the ensuing Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) elections, according to Deputy Election Commissioner for Sylhet Division Khondaker Mizanur Rahman.

The number was 79 in the last SCC polls held in 2003, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

In line with the directives from the Election Commission, we have completed a panel of 120 presiding officers, 719 assistant presiding

officers, 1438 polling officers, he said.

The list has been sent to the EC secretariat in the capital. "We will arrange a short training for them soon", he said.

The number of polling centres increased this time with the increase in voters and area of the city, the EC official. Asked, he said there is no possibility of any big change in the list. On average, there will be 2000 to 2500 voters in each polling centre.

The number of voters is 2,55,521 this time against 1,82,000 in 2003 polls.

## Govt Forest Land Memo to Baderganj UNO to stop eviction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

About 100 villagers including indigenous people of two unions in Baderganj upazila in a memorandum submitted to the upazila nirbahi officer urged the administration to stop planned eviction of about 1200 landless families from forest areas till their rehabilitation.

UNO Zakir Hosen later told newsmen that the administration was thinking to consider the case of landless people from humanitarian ground.

About 1200 landless families including people of Shantal community have been living in forest areas in Bishnupur and Lohanipara unions since independence of the country.

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## 555 rice mills lose licence in six dists

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Authorities have cancelled licences of 555 rice mills in six districts for their failure to supply rice and paddy to the government godowns at official rates during the ongoing rice and paddy procurement drive.

Licences of 352 rice mills in Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Joypurhat districts have been cancelled, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

One hundred and seventy-four of the mills are in Thakurgaon, 126 in Dinajpur, 31 in Panchagarh and 21 in Joypurhat district, said sources at district Food Control Office.

Authorities also disconnected power supply of 215 rice mills in the four northern districts.

However, other 3,560 mills in four northern districts are supplying rice and paddy to government godowns as per the agreement, sources said.

The Irri-Boro procurement target in Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Joypurhat is

1,27,593 tonnes, 93,241 tonnes, 22,750mt and 39,000 metric tonnes while the amount of procurement is 22,850 tonnes, 53,000 tonnes, 13,700 tonnes and 24,000 tonnes so far, food department sources said. The procurement will continue till August 31.

Our Rangpur Correspondent reports: Food department cancelled licence of 175 rice mills in Rangpur.

A total of 572 rice mill owners signed the agreement to help the government in procuring rice. Rest 175 mill owners did not make any contact with the food department.

Our Satkhira Correspondent adds: Satkhira district controller of food has cancelled licences of 28 rice mills for not supplying rice to government godowns.

Against the target to procure 16,403 tonnes of rice and 4,759 tonnes of paddy from the district in this season, only 8,100 tonnes of rice and 1,761 tonnes of paddy have been collected so far, officials said.

## 'Private sector to run jute mills'

Adviser Iqbal reopens mill in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jute and Textiles Adviser M Anwarul Iqbal yesterday said the government is encouraging operation of jute industries by private entrepreneurs as BJMC-run jute mills failed to be profitable during the last 37 years of independence.

The adviser was addressing the function arranged on the occasion of handing over the operation of Peoples Jute Mills to Kazi Firms Ltd.

The government has so far paid Tk 173 crore to workers against their arrears while rest of the workers' arrears dues will be paid shortly, he said.

A group of corrupt officials of local BJMC office temporarily appointed 401 workers in Platinum Jubilee Jute Mills through forgery for illegal monetary gain, he said, add-

ing that legal action would be taken against those corrupt BJMC officials after probe into the incident.

However, the 401 victims of forgery would be provided with jobs in leased Peoples Jute Mills if they can prove their health, he said.

BJMC Chairman Md Ataharul Islam, Khulna Deputy Commissioner SM Feroze Alam, KMP Commissioner Helauddin Badri, Peoples Jute Mills Managing Director Kazi Zahedul Hasan and Director Kazi Zahin Hasan addressed the handing over function of the mill.

Kazi Firms Ltd got lease of Peoples Jute Mills early this month for yearly payment of Tk 6 crore 13 lakh to BJMC.

State-owned Peoples Jute Mills was shut down on August 1 last year with loans and liabilities amounting to over Tk 400 crore.

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2. Agency	Khulna Shipyard Limited Lobunchora, Khulna.
3. Shipbuilding entity	Joint Venture Business/Project for Shipbuilding and related Engineering Works at Khulna Shipyard Limited (KSY), Khulna.
4. EOI reference No.	NHQ Letter No. Proku/1072/20/Part-1/1064 dated 09 July 2008.
5. Field of expression of interest	1. Development and upgradation of yard facilities for undertaking shipbuilding of international standard. 2. Shipbuilding & related Engineering Works. 3. Steel/Aluminum, fabrication works. 4. Composite/GFRP boat/Vessel building
6. Project/programme name	Joint Venture Business/Project as mentioned in SI No-5 above.
7. Development partners	None at present.
8. Budget/source of fund	To be financed by the bidder.
9. EOI schedule selling date & time	Selling from KSY, Lobunchora, Khulna and NSSD Dhaka, NHQ Complex, Banani, Dhaka-1213. Time from 0830 hrs to 1330 hrs within 17 July 2008 to 07 August 2008.
10. EOI opening date & time	10 August 2008, 1200 hrs.
11. Cost of EOI schedule	By Bank Cheque or Pay-Order in favour of Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Khulna for Tk 25,000.00 (non-refundable).
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13. Submission of EOI	In sealed envelope.
14. Appraisal meeting and guided tour to KSY	KSY will remain open for tour/visit from 0900 hrs to 1300 hrs as per date given in the schedule.
15. Qualification and experience of bidder	Bidders must submit the background of the Company/Group giving details of their track record in shipbuilding & repair services and steel/aluminum fabrication works, current operation, financial statements for the last three years, the names and professional background of the owners/directors, bank certificate related to credit worthiness and capability of the company/group to undertake such investment.
16. Brief description of assignment:	a. A business plan, including financial projections and marketing strategy. b. A clearly specified shipyard infrastructure development plan (with a layout) for the proposed upgradation. c. List of shipbuilding machinery & equipment to be procured stating their function and capacity. d. Joint Venture Management and Operational Plan including team structure.
17. Business Entity Details	a. Name of official inviting EOI: Commodore Mohiuddin Razib (G), ndc, atwc.psc. b. Designation of official inviting EOI: Managing Director. c. Address of official inviting EOI: Khulna Shipyard Limited, Lobunchora, Khulna. d. Contact details of official inviting EOI: Tel: 041-72003/813975 Fax: 880-41-720404 Mobile: 01715368234 E-mail: ksynet_design@yahoo.com

Note: KSY has the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.

GD-3237 Managing Director