

'Jamaat floats fake FFs body to befool people'

Assault of freedom fighter protested in Satkhira, Dinajpur, Rangpur, C'nawabganj, Rajshahi

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Freedom fighters, political leaders and conscious citizens have continued protest against the recent assault of freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali Aman by Jamaat-Shibir cadres at a programme of Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad in the capital.

Chapainawabganj district unit command of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad formed a human chain and held a protest meeting on Thursday demanding punishment of Jamaat-shibir men who assaulted a freedom fighter and made derogatory comments about the principals of Liberation War, reports a correspondent from Chapainawabganj.

Anti-liberation forces have raised their heads again as war criminals were not tried, said speakers at the meeting held at Shahid Satu Hall in the town. Jamaat has formed so-called Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad with fake freedom fighters to gain politically by befooling the people, they said, adding that people are united on the demand for punishment of the war criminals.

human chain programme in front of Rangpur Press Club on Thursday in protest against assaulting freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali Aman in the capital. Former Awami League (AL) lawmaker Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhontu, former chairman of Rangpur municipality Mohammed Afzal, AL leaders Abul Monsur Ahmed and Mosaddeque Hosen Bablu, president of district unit of JSD Ekramul Hoque Swapan, CPB leader Abdul Karim and Workers Party leader Majedul Islam Liton led the human chain.

CPB polls runner admits being accused in murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Mayoral candidate Firoze Ahmed of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) admitted that he was named a charge-sheeted accused in Shibir leader Aminul Islam Biman murder case. The case is yet to be disposed of as a higher court strayed the trial, he said at a press conference held at Khulna Press Club yesterday.

BAU teacher invents easy device to detect bird flu

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A scientist at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) has developed a cheap and easy device for detection of avian influenza (bird flu). The inventor, Dr Md Alimul Islam, a professor of Microbiology and Hygiene Department of BAU Veterinary Science Faculty, said the bird flu virus has been isolated and it is possible to go for production of its vaccine if they get patronisation from the government.



Dr Md Alimul Islam

Although 229 farms were detected with H5 virus positive in 48 districts of the country during the last several months, chickens of 474 farms were culled on suspicion due to lack of proper detection system. Farm owners faced a loss of Tk 4,500 crore. Tk 10,000 crore was invested in this growing sector, he said. He collected dead crows from Barishal and Patuakhali this year but avian influenza virus was not found in them. The crows might be victims of poisonous food, he added.

500 landless people besiege Badarganj UNO office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

About 500 landless people of Bishnapur and Lohanipara unions in Badarganj upazila laid siege to the office of the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) and staged a sit-in demonstration yesterday in protest against an eviction drive. Leaders of the landless living on lands of the Forest Department met UNO Zakir Hossain and requested him to stop the eviction drive until their proper rehabilitation by the government.

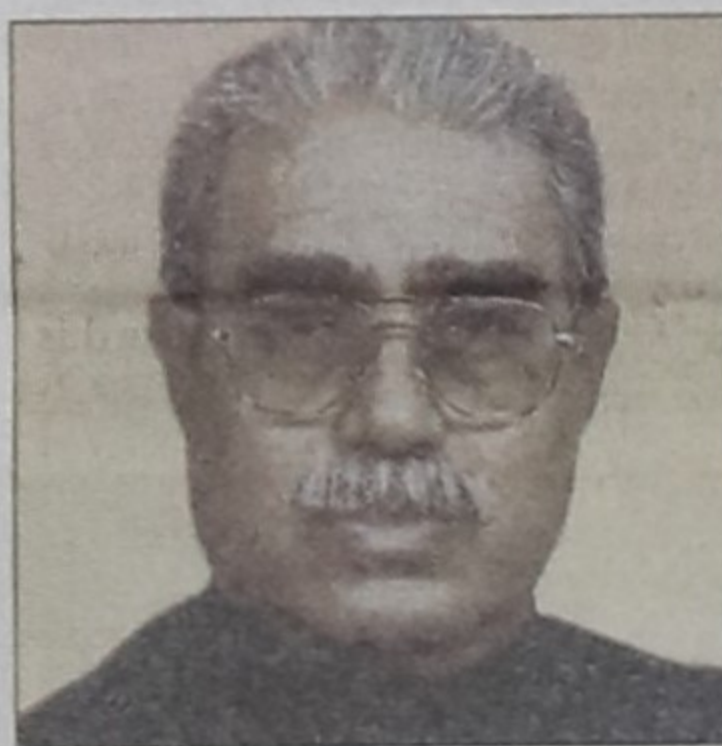
KCC MAYORAL RACE AL candidate richest among 5 contenders

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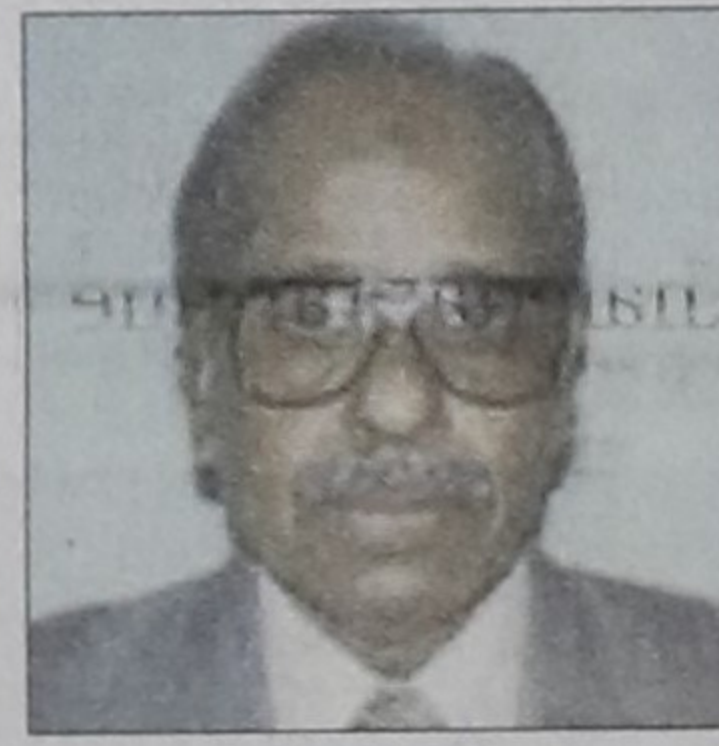
Awami League mayoral candidate Talukder Abdul Khaleque is richer than his five other contestants in Khulna City Corporation (KCC) election. This was revealed in their statements on wealth, educational qualification, sources of income mentioned in his statement that he possesses wealth worth about Tk 1.64 crore. Besides, his annual income from agriculture amounts to Tk 70,000. His wife earns Tk 70,000 from house rent and Tk 1,30,000 from business annually.

brand) worth Tk 44 lakh and a microbus worth Tk 7,50,000. His wife has gold ornaments worth 25 tola. Talukder owns of 22 bighas of land, and a five storied building worth over Tk 31 lakh. He is a graduate, as stated in the affidavit. BNP leader acting mayor

moniruzzaman Moni, who is also in the mayoral race, discontinued studies after passing HSC examination. He is an agent of Khulna Clearance and Forwarding (C&F) Association and owns a poultry farm. According to his statement, he earns Tk 8 lakh annually from business and gets lakh 36,000 per year as honorarium as councillor in ward no 29. He has immovable property worth Tk 16 lakh, a savings account with Tk 12,000. His wife has five tolas of gold ornaments.



Talukder Abdul Khaleque and other records of being accused in criminal case, if any, given to the Election Commission (EC). The 14-party alliance candidate



Enayet Ali lakh fixed deposit with a bank. His wife has also fixed deposit of Tk 50 lakh. Talukder owns car (Lexus



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KCC mayoral candidates' dialogue with voters today

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Khulna Citizens' Forum (KCF) will hold a dialogue between the six mayoral candidates and a cross section of people at Khulna Press Club today. The aim of holding such a dialogue is to know what the candidates would do for welfare of citizens if elected, said KCF chairman Fum Sheikh Abdul Kayyum. Such dialogues will also be held at ward level, he said.

2 killer suspects of Anupom Tripura held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Police on Thursday arrested two relatives of former councillor of Khagrachhari Hill District Council Anupom Tripura in the case for his murder. They are Parendra Lal Tripura alias Paren, 37, of Milonpur and Kunath Baisnab, 42, of Gachhban in Sadar upazila. Both of them were produced before judicial magistrate Abdullah Al Mamun's court the same day, which placed them on three days' remand. Anupom was killed at a hotel in Dhaka at night on July 11.

ABDUCTION, RAPE CASE IN SATKHIRA Charge framed against 4 lawyers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A Satkhira court on Thursday framed charges against seven people including four lawyers, two of them notary public, in the case for abduction and rape of a minor girl. Judge Motazidur Rahman of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Court fixed August 24 for next hearing of the case. The accused are -- Haidar Ali, Zirarul Islam and Emam Hossain of village Babulia in Sadar upazila and notary public advocate Azharul Islam and notary public advocate Reja Uddowla Bachchu, advocate Ashrafur Alam Siddique Mona and advocate Sheikh Sirajul Islam. Haidar Ali, Zirarul Islam and Emam Hossain abducted minor girl Usha Rani Das, daughter of Hira Lal Das of village Babulia in Sadar upazila, brought her to Satkhira court compound and forced her to accept Islam by making an affidavit while Haidar Ali married Usha Rani through another affidavit on March 13 last year.

Accused notary public advocate Azharul Islam and advocate Reja Uddowla Bachchu made the two affidavits while advocate Sheikh Sirajul Islam and advocate Ashrafur Alam Siddique Mona 'identified' her as a matured girl although she was only 14-year-old at that time. The victim's mother Laxmi Rani Das filed a case with Sadar Police Station accusing the seven people on March 19 in 2007. The Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, Sub-inspector Rafiqul Islam of Sadar Police Station submitted the charge sheet against them to a magistrate's court at Satkhira after investigation over four months. The main accused Haidar Ali is now in jail while two other accused Zirarul Islam and Emam

Hossain went into hiding after the incident. Four other accused -- notary public advocate Azharul Islam and notary public advocate Reja Uddowla Bachchu, advocate Ashrafur Alam Siddique Mona and advocate Sheikh Sirajul Islam earlier obtained bail from the High Court.

Advertisement for CAT HRM and BIMS programs.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Institute of Health Sciences (BIHS) including admission details and course information.

Workshop on strawberry farming held at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Strawberry Association (BSA) and Botany Department of Rajshahi University yesterday jointly held a day-long workshop on strawberry cultivation in Bangladesh. RU Acting Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Mammunul Keramat inaugurated the workshop held at RU Senate Bhavan. Speakers at the workshop said cultivation of strawberry, a value added crop, has proved successful in the country. If expanded, farmers can be greatly benefited from the fruit having great export potential, they said.



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Large potholes on Jessore-Satkhira highway at business centre Jhowdanga Haat in Satkhira district continue to be a nuisance for people.

Large advertisement for Bangladesh Government recruitment exam for 2008, including details of the exam and application process.