

## Sitakunda mayor-elect resigns from AL

UNB, Ctg

Newly-elected Sitakunda Pourasabha mayor Shafiqul Alam alias Nayek Shafi, also a local Awami League (AL) leader resigned from his party yesterday.

Shafiqul Alam handed over his resignation letter to Sitakunda AL president and former lawmaker Abul Kashem citing 'personal ground'. He also submitted copies of his resignation letter to the local Election Commission (EC) and the returning officer.

One cannot hold his/her party post after being elected, according to the new Local Government Elections Act. Shafiqul Alam in the polls race with support of the AL-backed Nagarik Committee.

## AK-22 rifle recovered in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday recovered an AK-22 rifle and a double-barrel gun in Rauzan upazila, Chittagong.

Being informed about presence of criminals at a place near Mixer Bridge on Noapara-Rauzan Road, a Rab team raided the area and recovered the sophisticated arms.

# Pricy fertilisers make Aman prospect bleak in Rangpur

Farmers say they cannot afford a TSP bag at Tk 3800

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

The yield of Aman paddy in Rangpur district is likely to be 30 to 35 percent less than targeted five lakh 50 thousand tonne of paddy as most of the farmers failed to use Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) and Murex of Potash (MoP) in time.

There was not adequate supply of TSP and MoP in July when most of the ropa aman lands are cultivated and about 60 per cent of ropa aman fields in the district was cultivated without TSP and MoP, said farmers and sources at Agriculture Extension Department.

Besides, price of the fertilisers have almost doubled and it seems to frustrate use of fertiliser in the remaining fields of Aman paddy in the district.

Five lakh fifty thousand tonne of

paddy yield was expected as 1,44,000 hectares of land in the district was targeted for Aman cultivation this year, Kamal Sharif, deputy director of Rangpur AED, said.

On last Wednesday, 97 BCIC dealers were sanctioned 3,299 tonne of TSP and 2,594 tonne of MoP in July-August installment, he said.

Another AED official, however, said, "Generally farmers use TSP and MoP when they prepare land for Aman cultivation. As 85 per cent of the land was transplanted with Aman in July, the new allotment will come to very little use."

Several farmers talking to this correspondent expressed their worry about less production of paddy this season.

TSP and MoP were not available with the dealers in July and I

had to cultivate Aman without TSP and MoP," said Tafakkharul Islam, a farmer of Mahiganj under Rangpur Sadar upazila.

His neighbouring farmers had also the same experience, he said.

Meanwhile, he BCIC dealers are facing hardship to procure TSP and MoP under the new allotment due to their unusual price hike.

"We are facing fund crisis following price hike of TSP and MoP. We have to buy a bag (50 kg) of TSP at Tk 3,800 against Tk 1800 three months back and a bag of MoP at Tk 2367 against Tk 1400," Golam Mowla, secretary of Rangpur unit of BCIC Fertiliser Dealers Association, said.

Most of the dealers will fail to procure TSP and MoP under July-August installment if the banks do not lend them money, he said.

## ASSAULT ON RU VC Memo to VC for punishment of Shibir men

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) unit of Progotishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ) yesterday demanded punishment to Islami Chhatra Shibir activists who assaulted the acting vice chancellor (VC) of the university, Prof Mamnunul Keramat on Friday.

PCJ leaders ventilated their demands by submitting a memorandum to the acting VC at his office. They urged the university authorities to take action for immediate arrest and punishment to the culprits.

Their other demands included measures to ensure security of life of teachers and general students on the campus, arrest to snatchers and eve teasers and proper lighting system on the campus.

A copy of the memorandum was also submitted to proctor Enamul Haque.

Signatories to the memorandum are Roksana Parvin, general secretary of the university unit of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Tusher Kanti Das, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Monjurul Islam, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation.



Stacks of hilsa in a Chandpur fish market following good catches of the delicious fish in the Padma.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

## Trader shot by patrol police for 'bribe'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

An onion trader, shot by a police man at Modhyapara Sunday night allegedly for refusing to give bribe, is being treated at Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) for bullet injury in the belly.

The trader-- Shafiqul Hoque, 35, of Ramnathpur under Badarganj upazila said Sub-inspector Haider Ali and another policeman of Parbotipur police station intercepted him at Modhyapara at about 3:30 am yesterday when he was coming from Hilli land port with a tractor loaded with onion.

"SI Haider Ali demanded Tk 2000 from me as bribe for carrying onion at night."

"As I refused to pay him, the police officer opened fire on me and assaulted tractor driver Noor-un-Nabi and helper Mamun with rifle, injuring them seriously," Shafiqul said.

On information, police from Badarganj thana rushed to the spot and sent them to the Badarganj

Upazila Helath Complex, from where Shafiqul was sent to RMCH.

Mamunur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Badarganj police station, when contacted, told The Daily Star that the incident took place at Modhyapara under Parbotipur upazila and that he did not know much about the incident.

When asked over cell phone, officer-in-charge of Parbotipur police station Habibur Rahman said, SI Haider Ali and another policeman were on patrol duty on Parbotipur-Badarganj road Sunday night. They were informed that a gang of robbers were passing through the road in a tractor.

He said, "Seeing the tractor coming from Modhyapara, they asked the driver to halt. As he ignored the signal and drove towards Badarganj, police opened fire."

The OC also admitted that the information might be false. Tractor driver Noor-un-Nabi and his helper Mamun were being treated at Badarganj upazila helath complex.

## Woman dies during child birth

Doctor's negligence alleged

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A woman died after she gave birth to twin babies at Popular Hospital in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila on Sunday night due to alleged negligence by the doctor who conducted a caesarean operation on her.

Nargis Akhter, 35, wife of Akkas Ali Sarker, area manager of Grameen Krishi Foundation in Thakurgaon, and an inhabitant of Akkalpur town in Joypurhat district, was admitted to the hospital on Sunday morning, police and family members said.

She gave birth to twin babies in a caesarean operation. But she started bleeding profusely after the delivery and died at about 11:30pm.

Her family members said that the doctor did not take precautionary measures like blood group test and reserving blood bag before the operation. The patient's relatives and agitating people laid siege to the hospital. Police brought the situation under control in the morning.

A general diary has been recorded, Thakurgaon OC said.

## CHT commission ends Bandarban visit

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

A team of International Commission for Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs left Bandarban hill district after completing their four-day long visit on Sunday night.

## 'Erect monument at Jahajmara to preserve war history'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Speakers including freedom fighters at a discussion here yesterday demanded construction of a monument and a museum at Jahajmara in Rhuapur to preserve the history of Liberation War in the area.

Freedom fighters led by Abdul Kader Siddiqui attacked arms-loaded Pakistani ship SU Engineers LC-3 on the Jamuna at Sirajkandi in Bhupur upazila of Tangail on August 11, 1971. They looted the arms and ammunition and set the ship on fire.

Jahajmara Smriti Rakhha Parishad and Bhupur Upazila Muktiyoddha Command organised the discussion at Jahajmara in Sirajkandi.

Language Movement veteran Abdul Matin attended the meeting as chief guest while another Language Movement veteran Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam was the special guest. Bhupur Mayor and Freedom Fighter Abdul Khalek Mondol was in the chair.

Led by British MP Eric Reginald Lubbock, the team included USA citizen Thomas Christian Eskildsen, Dutch citizen MS Adrienne Maria Jacoba Arens and their Bangladeshi partners Dr Meghna Guha Thakurata, Dr Jafar Iqbal, Dr Shawpan Adnan and barrister Sara Hossain.

Two other groups of the commission also visited Rangamati and Khagrachari Hill District simultaneously.

The commission members met with the circle chiefs (Raja), army officials, chairman of the Hill District Councils, district administration, civil society members and indigenous and Bangalee people separately.

## 2 Khagrachhari journos remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Two journalists who were arrested here on August 7 on charge of taking Tk 20,000 illegal toll from a bazaar fund staff were remanded for a day by Khagrachhari chief judicial magistrate's court yesterday, court sources said.

The journalists are Mongshaprue Marmma, 38, Khagrachhari district correspondent of The Bhorer Kagoj and Mohammad Zakir Hossain, 35, Khagrachhari district correspondent of The Desh Janata.

## Protect rights, culture of indigenous people

International Day of Indigenous People observed in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Leaders of indigenous communities at a discussion meeting here yesterday demanded proper government steps to protect the rights and culture of indigenous people.

The indigenous communities are still backward as they are not getting facilities like others in the field of education and job.

The social discrimination, allegedly due to lack of government attention has kept them deprived and backward, the speakers said at a discussion held at Sirajganj University College auditorium marking observance of International Day of Indigenous Peoples.

Organised by Bangladesh Adibashi Forum, the programme also included a cultural function, a rally and a colourful procession in the town.

Babu Nirmal Kumer Mahato, Sirajganj district unit president of Bangladesh Adibashi Forum, presided over the discussion meeting, attended by Deputy Commissioner Ashraf Ali at

chief guest.

Among others, Police Superintendent Alamgir Rahman, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mozaffar Ahmed, Bangladesh Adibashi Forum secretary Sanjib Drong, Bangladesh Adibashi Forum central leader Dr. Gozendra Nath Mahato, Shushil Kumer Mahato, Babu Ashutosh Mahato and Sirajganj Bar Association President Abdur Rahman spoke at the meeting.

Earlier in the morning, Birendra Nath Ojha, president of Tarash Upazila Adibashi Bobumukhi Unnayan Sangstha, led the colourful procession brought out in the town.

About 2000 people from different indigenous communities in different areas of the district took part in the programmes.



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## International tender for supply & incorporation of covert-overt featured foil by hot stamping process for the cigarette stamp and band on turn-key basis

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturer/suppliers for supply & incorporation of covert-overt featured foil by hot stamping process for the cigarette stamp & band on turn-key basis for this corporation as per under noted schedule. Tender document showing terms and conditions with specification will be available from the office of The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd, Gazipur and its liaison office at annex building-1, 6th floor, Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka-1000 during Sunday to Thursday between 09.00am to 4.00pm against an application in the letterhead pad from the respective firm. Necessary information is given below:

1. Selling of tender document : From 10.08.2008 to 28.08.2008.
2. Last date & time for submission of tender : 14.09.2008 up to 11.00am.
3. Date & time for opening of tender : 14.09.2008 at 11.05am.
4. Value (non-refundable) of : 5,000- (five thousand) Taka per set schedule only.

Earnest money @ 3% (three percent) of the total quoted price shall have to be submitted in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank in Bangladesh. Irrevocable Bank Guarantee may also be given from any international commercial bank abroad having counter guarantee from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh along with the tender in favour of the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd, Gazipur. Tender(s) without earnest money shall not be acceptable. The tender(s) under sealed cover addressed to the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd, Gazipur shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in Corporation's Office at Gazipur and shall be opened as per schedule mentioned above in presence of tenderer(s) if any. Tender may be sent also through postal/courier services which must be reached within the scheduled deadline. 1 (one) tender schedule is applicable only for one principal/ manufacturer/supplier for submitting one offer along with earnest money. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. Submission of tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances.

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Military Engineer Services Director of Works & Chief Engineer (Army) Dhaka Cantonment	
Invitation for Tenders	
Notice No. 323/04/2008-2009/E-3	Dated: 05 August, 2008
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.
2. Agency	Military Engineer Services.
3. Procuring entity name	DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantonment.
4. Source of funds	GoB.
5. Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).
6. Time for completion of delivery	06 (six) months.
7. Tender name	Manufacture & supply of furniture for construction of 1x10 'D' Type Qtr (5-storey with 5-storied foundation) for Sta HQ at Chittagong Cantonment.
8. Last date and time for selling of tender documents	25 August, 2008.
9. Last date and time for submission of tender	26 August, 2008 at 1200 hrs.
10. Date & time of opening of tender	26 August, 2008 at 1230 hrs.
11. Name & address of the office(s)	
Selling tender documents	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Project Dhaka & AHQ, QMG's Branch, DW&CE (Army), Dhaka Cantonment. Telephone No: 8752690.
Receiving tender documents	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Project, Dhaka Cantonment.
Opening tender documents	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Project, Dhaka Cantonment.
12. Eligibility of tenderers	a. MES enlisted contractors Class-'C' & 'D' experienced in similar works. b. On receipt of DGFI security clearance, contractors borne in the approved list of govt/semi-govt/autonomous body or organisation may apply who has done similar work.
13. Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tk. 1,000/-
14. Amount of tender security	Tk. 80,000/- (In the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/Bank Guarantee in favour of AHQ, QMG's Branch, DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantonment).
15. Name of official inviting tender	DW & CE (Army) Dhaka.
16. Address of official inviting tender	Army Headquarters, QMG's Branch, DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantonment.
17. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	
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DW & CE (Army)	

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Education Section-19						
No. Sec:19/1-20 (Com.UK)/2008/829				Dated: 07.08.2008		
Sub: Commonwealth Scholarships in the United Kingdom-2009						
Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for study under Commonwealth Scholarships in the United Kingdom-2009.						
Categories of Scholarships						
a) One year taught masters courses or equivalent degrees						
b) Six months of clinical training in medicine or dentistry						
c) Doctoral degrees, of up to three years duration						
d) One year research on a split-site basis, towards a Ph.D registered at a university in Bangladesh.						
2. Applications are open for all subjects (must be linked to the development priorities of the country).						
3. Regarding subject of study, candidates should mention broad subject, the subject on which he/she has obtained first degree/terminal degree.						
4. A first degree of first class (GPA 3 out of 4 or GPA 4 out of 5) honours level or a degree of first class (GPA 3 out of 4 or GPA 4 out of 5) and a relevant postgraduate degree.						
5. Candidate can apply for only one category.						
6. The application form is as below:						
Application for Commonwealth Scholarship-2009						
Name of Scholarship		Commonwealth Scholarship (United Kingdom)-2009				
Category of study						
Subject of study (Mention broad subject, the subject on which you obtained first terminal degree)						
a) Name of Candidate:						
b) Father's Name:						
c) Mother's Name:						
d) Present Address (including telephone number & email):						
e) Permanent Address:						
f) Date of Birth:						
g) For candidates in service, the present designation, date of joining, name of organization and address (the applications must be submitted through proper authority).						
h) Description of any other scholarship for which selected preliminary/finality:						
i) Results of all examinations:						
Name of Examination	Branch/subject	Session of passing	Division/CGPA	Total marks/CGPA (of the exam)	Obtained total marks/CGPA	Percent age
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SSC						
HSC						
Bachelor (Hons) (please mention the duration of course)						
Masters						
Other relevant examination						
1. Score with date of passing TOEFL/GRE/IELTS/GMAT if appeared.						
2. Description of publication in recognized journal (if any)						
Name and subject of article	Name of journal and description (local/international publication place etc.)	Number of words		Description of degree/diploma/certificate of attained on basis of publication		
Signature of candidate with date						
7. Applications should be submitted in typed (in above form). Additional papers can be attached for description of publications.						
8. Candidates for medicine or dentistry must show the year of passing of each part of MBBS/BDS, marks obtained, total and average marks in application form.						
9. Incomplete applications will be rejected.						
10. Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview in due time.						
11. 1 (one) set completed application as per above form should be submitted to "The Secretary, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207" within 31 August/2008. Name of scholarship and category of scholarship will have to be mentioned on envelope. Attested copies of certificates, marks sheets of examination, passed mark sheets of TOEFL, IELTS, GMAT, GRE etc. examination (if any) and 1 (one) copy of passport size attested photograph should be enclosed along with application.						
12. Self addressed envelope (approximate size 9.5"x4.5") with stamps (of Tk. 2) should be enclosed with application.						
<b>Raina Ahmed</b> Senior Assistant Secretary Phone: 7165032						
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