

## 'Rebel' Khulna AL leaders to face action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna Awami League will take disciplinary action against one mayoral and 38 councillor candidates who contested the August 4 KCC elections defying decision of the party.

Actions will also be taken against those party men who worked directly or indirectly against Talukder Abdul Khaleque who got green signal from AL-led 14-party alliance to contest in the KCC mayoral race, said city AL secretary Mizanur Rahman Mizan.

Actions will be taken at a party meeting soon, he said.

Mayoral candidate advocate Enayet Ali, who contested Khaleque in the KCC polls is a prominent member of the executive committee of Khulna city Awami League.

Supported by a group of dissident party leaders and workers not loyal to Khaleque, Enayet Ali had turned down repeated requests of some local and central leaders to stay out of the mayoral race in favour of Talukder Abdul Khaleque.

Councillor candidates who contested the polls without party nod will not be spared, said Khulna city AL president and mayor-elect Talukder Abdul Khaleque.

## Bank of Ceylon manager sued in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Authorities of Commercial Bank of Ceylon has filed a case against the manager of the bank's Sylhet branch, Shibli A Chowdhury, who went into hiding along with his family on June 1 after misappropriating a huge amount of money from depositors' accounts.

In his e-jahar filed with the Sylhet Kotwali Police Station, Safayet Hossain, assistant manager of the Bank's Sylhet branch in the city's Dargah Gate, alleged that Manager Shibli A Chowdhury had misappropriated at least Tk 1,65,61,000.

Police sent the case to the deputy director of Anti-Corruption Commission, Sylhet regional office yesterday afternoon.

Following the complaints from depositors about embezzling their money, a team from the bank's head office conducted investigations that revealed that the manager had transferred money to other accounts by putting fake signature of depositors.

## Correction

A report titled 'CHT Commission ends Bandarban visit' that was published on the National page of The Daily Star on August 12 incorrectly mentioned that USA citizen Thomas Christian Eskildsen, Dutch citizen MS Adrienne Maria Jacoba Arens and Bangladeshi citizen Dr Meghna Guhathakurata are members of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Commission. In fact the first two went to CHT as observers for the Commission while Dr Meghna Guhathakurata is advisor to the Commission. We regret the inadvertent mistake.

# Local engineers save Tk 100cr in foreign currency

## 150MW Ashuganj power unit repaired in one-third of time sought by foreign experts

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, B'baria

Foreign currency equivalent to Tk 100 crore has been saved as engineers and technicians of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited (APSC) have successfully repaired 150 megawatt Unit 3.

Local engineers and technicians completed the task in 85 days at a cost of Tk 29 lakh only while German firm Alstom, which also did overhauling work of the unit in 2003, had said it would take nine months for the purpose, said Md Nurul Alam, director (Technical) of APSC.

As Unit 3, the 'best one' of all the eight units of APSC, went out of order due to turbine fault on May 13 this year, the authorities

urgently contacted German manufacturing company Alstom that supplied equipment of this unit and completed its installation in 1986, APSC officials said.

Authorities of the foreign firm said it will take at least nine months for them to repair unit 3 while the cost would be at least 100 crore taka.

The foreigners earlier failed to complete work within the scheduled time. They took more than two years in doing overhauling of Unit -- 5 although it could be completed by one year, APSC officials said.

Twenty-four engineers and technicians and several supporters from PDB under the supervision of engineer Md Nurul Alam,

director (Technical) of APSC, worked in two shifts for about 16 to 20 hours a day, leading to successful completion of the repair work in 85 days, APSC sources said.

On August 9, they resumed functioning of the unit that is running under commissioning.

"Our engineers and technicians have worked with efficiency to repair Unit 3 of 150 MW. We are hopeful that the unit will go into production in full swing within three to four days," APSC Managing Director engineer Abdul Khaleque said.

The 678MW Ashuganj Power Station is now producing 500MW of electricity as seven other units of the station are running in full swing, APSC sources said.

# Retrial of Prof Taher murder case demanded

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) Geology and Mining Department teachers, students and officials yesterday demanded retrial of Prof S Taher Ahmed Murder Case after proper reinvestigation.

They put forward the demand at a discussion held at the department at an inaugural function of Professor S Taher Ahmed Micropaleontology Lab, a modern lab. Acting vice chancellor Prof Mamunul Keramat opened the lab as chief guest. Departmental chairman Prof Kamrul Hassan Majumder chaired the occasion.

Discussions rejected the demand at the case where Prof Taher's main killer Mahbubul Alam Salehi, also former RU Shibir president remained unpunished.

Prof Taher, a senior teacher of the department was killed on February 1, 2006. Three days later, the body was recovered from an underground pipe of sewer line behind his campus residence.

While opening the lab, the acting VC observed one-minute silence in memory of Prof Taher and placed wreath at his portrait. He paid rich tributes to Prof Taher terming him a brave teacher who 'never compromised' with injustice in his lifetime. He assured the gathering that he would do the needful in fulfilling their demand. Acting registrar Prof Muhammad Shafi and proctor Enamul Haque were also present.

They said Prof Taher always fought for establishing truth and was killed for his refusal to negotiate with the culprits, they said.

Expressing deep resentment, they demanded punishment to the mastermind of the murder.

Later, they urged the VC to declare the Life and Earth Faculty teachers' conference room after the noble teacher.

Among others, Prof Kamrul Hassan Majumder, Prof Dr Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan Sajal, Prof Anwarul Islam, officer Muktar Hossain, students Riad Arefin and Shafiqur Rahman addressed.

Prayers were also offered for salvation of the departed soul.

Meanwhile, Shibir activists created resistance so that general

students cannot join the inauguration ceremony of the lab.

Earlier, a speedy trial tribunal in Rajshahi, in a verdict pronounced on May 23, sentenced four people including departmental teacher Dr Mia Mohammad Mohiuddin to death for the murder. The tribunal acquitted two including Mahbubul Alam Salehi, former RU Shibir president, one of the mastermind of the murder.

Various teachers and students organisations also expressed discontent over the judgment and rejected the verdict for acquitting the main killer.

# Khulna BNP bigwig demands CEC's resignation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Member-secretary of Khulna city BNP convening committee Shaharuzzaman Martuza yesterday demanded resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner and two other Election Commissioners for what he called holding stage-managed elections to four city corporations and nine pourasavas to make AL mayoral candidates winners.

He also demanded re-election to the four city corporations and nine pourasavas.

The BNP leader admitted that Jamaat-e-Islami, in spite of being a component of four-party alliance, did not play a fair role in Khulna City Corporation (KCC) election in favour of Moniruzzaman Moni. "This was one of the factors which helped Awami League candidate Talukder Khaleque win the mayoral race", he said.

Addressing a press conference at Khulna Press Club, he also alleged rigging in KCC elections.

"This is for the first time in the history of Bangladesh that counterfoils of ballots and unused ballot papers were recovered from outside a polling centre in Khulna although there were so many instances of massive polls rigging in previous elections in the country", Martuza said.

"We are really surprised when the Election Commission claims that 81 percent votes were cast in the August 4 KCC elections while a large number of voters could not cast their votes due to flawed voter list and foul weather", he said.

The BNP leader doubted if upcoming upazilla and parliamentary elections would at all be free and fair under the present Chief Election Commissioner.

Martuza, who is loyal to convicted ex-lawmaker Ali Asgar lobi of BNP and incumbent president of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry, also demanded unconditional release of Begum Khaleda Zia and Tarique Rahman.

## GPA-5 achievers vow to fight graft

STAR NATIONAL DESK

GPA-5 achievers at two reception ceremonies held in Satkhira and Barisal yesterday vowed to uproot corruption and build an enlightened society.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and Satkhira Sachetan Nagarik Committee accorded a reception to GPA-5 achievers at Sadar upazila auditorium where they vowed to resist corruption in society, reports Our Satkhira Correspondent.

Our Barisal Correspondent reports: A reception was accorded to GPA-5 achievers jointly by Prothom Alo and Aktel at Barisal Government Brojo Mohan College auditorium.

GPA-5 receivers took an oath and vowed to build an enlightened society. The ceremony was followed by a cultural function.

## Ex-UP chairman held for offering bribe to Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a former union parishad chairman and his two companions for trying to bribe Rab members in Pabna Rab camp on Tuesday.

The arrestees are Tarek Ali Mridha, former chairman of Atakula union parishad (UP), Uzzal Hossain, 28, of village Saradangi and Md Solaiman, 30, of village Pithigari in Atakula under Pabna district.

The former UP chairman accompanied by the two others went to Pabna Rab camp on Tuesday and tried to bribe Rab officials for release of his son Ayub Ali Mridha who was arrested by Rab on Monday following an extortion case, Rab said.

## 4 clinics closed in Thakurgaon

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Four clinics have been sealed off in Thakurgaon town for operating illegally.

The clinics are: Seven Day Clinic of Tatipara, Doctors Clinic of Hallpara, Shabuj Clinic of bus terminal area and Day-Night Clinic of Sarkerpara.

A mobile court led by magistrate Sadekur Rahman sealed off the clinics on Tuesday for failure to show necessary documents, required equipment and trained manpower.



A jhum field near picturesque Shuvranila tourist spot in Bandarban district that sees good yield of the traditional farming this year in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

## RECOVERY OF UNUSED BALLOT PAPERS IN KHULNA

# It was a planned incident, says probe body member

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The three-member probe committee formed Monday night by Khulna Metropolitan Police Commissioner has made some headway in investigation into the recovery of counterfoils of ballots and unused ballot papers outside the polling centre No 8 and from in front of Uadayan club in ward no-29 in Khulna city.

Headed by Assistant Police Commissioner (DB) Abu Sayem, two other members of the committee are AC of Khalishpur Zone Rabiul Islam and OC of Khanjahan Ali police station Mostafa Harun.

The probe body interrogated five persons at Khanjahan Ali police station yesterday.

They are presiding officer of polling centre no-8 Ujjal Kumar, assistant presiding officer Ataur

Rahman, sweeper of USEF M Majid School (polling centre-8) Rizia Begum, her daughter Nasrin Begum and grand daughter Habiba.

During interrogation, Rizia Begum admitted that she had picked up lot of ballot papers from outside the polling centre Sunday night which bore polling symbols of pineapple and candle.

Pineapple and candle were election symbols of BNP mayoral candidate Moniruzzaman Moni and BNP councillor candidate Md Saiful Islam in ward No 2.

None of the picked up ballot papers were burnt, Rizia Begum admitted to the probe committee.

Presiding officer Ujjal Kumar Mandol admitted that six unused ballot papers were missing on the day of KCC elections.

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Officer about this verbally", he told the committee. Ujjal is an assistant professor at Government Teachers' Training College in Khulna city which is in ward No 2.

Seeking anonymity, a member of the probe committee said that they got more important clues about this sensitive incident.

"We are quite sure that it was a pre-planned incident and counterfoils of ballots and unused ballot papers belonged to polling centre No-8 at USEF M Majid High School in ward No-2", he said.

Head of the probe committee, AC Abu Sayem said he would apply to police commissioner for extending time for investigation for further probe.

As per the earlier fixed time frame, the committee is supposed to submit its report today (Thursday).

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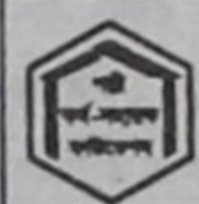
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