

## AL polls aspirant gets death threat in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An unidentified caller yesterday gave a death threat to a probable candidate in the upcoming Jatiya Sangsad (JS) election from Rajshahi-5 (Charghat and Bagha) constituency.

Former lawmaker and Charghat Awami League (AL) general secretary Raihanul Haque who got the threat said the caller threatened him to kill if he seeks party nomination to run in JS election. Later, he lodged a general diary (GD) in this connection with local police station.

When contacted, Charghat Police Station officer-in-charge SM Bazlur Rashid confirmed the incident saying police have started an investigation.

## Body found in launch cabin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police recovered body of a passenger from a cabin of a double-decker launch that reached Patuakhali from Dhaka yesterday morning.

The deceased, Shahadat Hossain, 25, son of Abdur Rashid of Durgapu Uttarpara village under Sujonar in Pabna district, worked as a technician of Madison Company in Dhaka, said police and family sources.

On Tuesday evening, he started for Patuakhali by Redsun-5, a double-decker launch, from Sadarghat in Dhaka. He slept at night after taking meal.

Finding door of the cabin closed yesterday morning, launch authorities informed police who recovered the body after breaking the door and contacted with his family in Pabna over his cell phone.

The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy.

## Aman prospect bleak in Kurigram, Lalmonirhat

Plants turning yellowish as lack of TSP causes leaf blight

RAFIQUE SARKER, back from Kurigram and Lalmonirhat

Prospect of Aman paddy seems bleak in Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts as paddy plants on vast areas of land are attacked with diseases caused by lack of Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) and Murex of Potash (MoP).

Although farmers and rice dealers in the two districts are anxious about possible shortfall in Aman production due to the diseases, Agriculture Extension Department (AED) officials said the problem is not so grave.

Several rice dealers in the districts have expressed apprehension that yield of Aman paddy will decrease by almost half compared to last year and consequently the prices will be a great deal higher too.

AED sources said about 86,000 hectares of land have been brought under Aman cultivation in Lalmonirhat district while 1,15,000 hectares in Kurigram district.

Shortage of TSP and MoP caused the diseases in Aman paddy, Lalmonirhat AED Deputy Director Aftab Ahmed Khan said.

He, however, said, "There is nothing to be worried as only five percent of Aman plants in the district were attacked with the sheet blight and rot blight."

Kurigram AED Deputy Director Mohsin Ali also ruled out the possibility of bleak prospect of Aman paddy this year, saying, "Although Aman plants at some places became yellowish a few days



PHOTO: STAR

A farmer spraying insecticides at his disease-affected Aman paddy field in Rangpur yesterday.

back, heavy rainfall in last five days helped them recover from the attack of leaf blight disease."

Several farmers of Lalmonirhat district, however, refuted the versions of AED officials and said about 60 percent Aman paddy plants in the district have been attacked with sheet blight and rot blight.

"Aman paddy plants on 34 acres of my land were attacked with diseases as I could not use MoP and TSP due to their price hike," said Reazul Hoque Patwari of Khedabag

under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Abdur Rahman of Achingachh under Rajarhat upazila in Kurigram district said Aman paddy plants on 23 acres of his land are becoming yellowish due to the same reason.

"I cultivated Aman paddy on 20 acres of land. Plants got yellowish and within seven days they got dried. I can hardly get 20 maunds of paddy from the land," Motahar Hosen, a farmer of Hiramank under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila said.

## Drug traders clash with anti-drug body: 10 hurt

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Ten people were injured, two of them seriously, in a clash between a gang of drug traders and members of local drug resistance committee at Pura Bazar in Chandpur town Tuesday night, locals and police said.

Some houses were partly damaged due to indiscriminate brick-battering during the hour-long clash, witnesses said.

The clash occurred when Delu Halder, 28, a member of the drug resistance committee prevented Russel, an alleged drug trader, from selling drugs at Bau Bazar an identified spot of drugs in Pura Bazar.

Sharp weapons and bricks were used in the clash, witnesses said.

On information, Sadar Model Thana police rushed to the spot and arrested four people from the spot. A contingent of police have been deployed in the area.

## 20 injured in Pabna clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At least 20 people were injured in a clash between people of two villages at Kailtola village in Bera upazila on Tuesday.

A motorcycle was also damaged during the clash. The clash ensued following previous enmity between chairmen of Kailtola and Natun Vargavillages, sources said.

Equipped with iron rods and bamboo sticks, both the feuding groups locked in clash in front of Bera Kailtola pump station.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and controlled the situation. Police arrested 14 people from the spot, Bera Police Station duty officer Md Ashraf Islam said.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

An emblem of autumn in traditional rural Bangladesh, lovely kashful with its whitish splendour adorns a field in Sonamuri in Noakhali.

## Leadership crisis grips Dinajpur BNP

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

The Dinajpur unit of BNP, facing leadership crisis since the death of its leader Khurshid Jahan Haque in June 2006, has remained virtually ineffective since declaration of emergency in January last year. Frustration grips grassroots level party leaders and activists in the district ahead of parliament elections scheduled for December 18 this year as they are yet to get 'reliable' candidates.

Many leaders loyal to Khurshid Jahan, also sister of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, have been on the run since the declaration of emergency.

BNP leader former Army chief Maj Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman, who was elected a lawmaker in 2001 from Dinajpur-2, and Md Akhtaruzzaman, former lawmaker from Dinajpur-4, sided with the 'reformists' which also created apparent leadership vacuum in their constituencies.

Other leaders of district BNP



Maj Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman

also failed to play any active role to reorganise the grassroots leaders since allowing of indoor politics.

Several grassroots level leaders of the district have termed the leadership crisis as the result of 'domination' by the loyalists of Khurshid Jahan who was elected from Dinajpur-3 constituency in 2001.

They said corrupt practices by a

section of leaders during the immediate past BNP-led four-party alliance government led to the damage of party image in the area.

Dinajpur district BNP committee was dissolved after the death of its president Khurshid Jahan Haque on June 14, 2006 amid allegations against her loyalists.

Former MP Akhtaruzzaman of Dinajpur-4 constituency who failed to get party ticket for January 22, 2007 election (later cancelled) has remained virtually inactive in politics since the emergency, party mensaid.

Tenure of the district committees of BNP and its front organisations Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal also expired a few years ago.

District BNP Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Dulal, who started communicating with grassroots level party leaders and activists after lifting ban on indoor politics, however, claimed that BNP leaders and activists in Dinajpur are united under the leadership of Khaleda Zia.



Lion Md Nazrul Islam Shikder, secretary of Lion Club of Dhaka Green Rajdhani, distributing education materials among students at Napaia Hogoltuli Hamidia Fazil Madrasa at Ullania union in Mehendiganj upazila.

## Outlaws regroup in Khulna ahead of polls

Several secret meetings held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Cadres of M-L faction of outlawed 'Purbo' Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) are regrouping and have again raised their heads in outlaw-infested Rupsha, Terokhada and Phultala upazilas of Khulna district ahead of the planned parliamentary election.

They held several secret meetings to plan criminal operations in the district including Khulna city.

Outlaws who were on the run after 1/11 have returned to their previous strongholds in the three upazilas, where the meetings were held, sources said.

Besides, most of the outlaws who were thrown behind the bars in connection with criminal cases have come out on bail. They are again demanding tolls from affluent people, giving them death threats.

According to intelligence sources, a group of armed cadres of M-L faction of PBCP held a secret meeting on the night of September 17 at Shahpara in Icegati union in Rupsha. Police could not arrest any one of the extremists though Icegati police camp is near meeting spot.

The underground party is recruiting new cadres by luring youths from families of jobless workers of different jute mills in Khulna industrial belt, the sources said.

They said a firearm and three bombs recovered by Rab-6 from

near a shrimp processing factory in Rupsha upazila on the night of September 17 were left by PBCP outlaws after getting information of raid.

Harun-ar-Rashid hailing from Moishaguni village in Rupsha upazila is now acting as Khulna divisional 'operations commander' of M-L faction of PBCP. He is wanted in 14 murder cases filed with different police stations in Khulna.

He recently held a secret meeting in Khulna city at the house of an extremist now detained in Khulna district jail to plan criminal operation.

## Traders fined for selling adulterated food in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court here yesterday realised Tk 65,000 as fine from the owners of a sweetmeat shop, a departmental store and a hotel for selling adulterated food and preserving food in an unhygienic manner.

First of all, the court raided the sweetmeat shop, Purabi Sweets, situated in Alkaran area and fined its owner Md Selim Tk 50,000 for selling adulterated food.

Members of the court found several insects flying over the

sweets preserved at the shop for sale. They also destroyed about 100 kilogram of sweets.

Then the court imposed Tk 10,000 fine on the owner of a posh departmental store, Meenabazar, at Sholoshahar for preserving flesh and liver with cooked food inside a refrigerator which posed a threat to customers' health.

Khulna Police Superintendent YM Belalur Rahman, when asked, admitted that outlaws are again raising their heads. "We are trying to track down the terrorists and arrest them", he said.

## Kazirhat-Paturia ferry service resumes tomorrow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Preparations are at the final stage as ferry service on Kazirhat-Paturia route resumes tomorrow after over one year.

Ferry service on Kazirhat-Paturia route will be available three times a day from each of the ends, BWTC officials said, adding that vehicle owners and workers have already been informed of the matter.

"Two Ro-Ro ferries will operate on Kazirhat-Paturia route as ferry service starts again from October 10. The ferries will start at 11:00am, 3:00pm and 9:00pm from Kazirhat ghat and at 8:00am, 12:00pm and 6:00pm everyday from Paturia ghat," said Md Golam Sarwar, manager of Kazirhat ferry ghat.

Demanding regular operation of Kazirhat-Paturia ferry service, several transport owners said the ferry service will help to greatly shorten distance between Pabna and other northern districts and Dhaka and reduce pressure on Jamuna Bridge.

Earlier attempts to resume the ferry service failed twice after the ferry service between Kazirhat and Paturia was stopped on July 30 last year.

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

**COMPANY MATTER NO. 163 OF 2008**

In the matter of:

M.A. Kalam, Managing Director, Excelsior Shoes Ltd., 345, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka-1000.

— PETITIONER

— AND —

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, and Firms, 25-27, Dilkusha C/A, Police Station-Motijheel, District- Dhaka and another.

— RESPONDENTS

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condonation of delay in holding 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting for the calendar year 2007 of the Excelsior Shoes Ltd.

Hon'ble Judge of the Vacation Court has been pleased to admit the said application by order dated 24.09.2008 and fixed for hearing on 16.11.2008. Any person interested in the said application may appear on the date fixed for hearing either himself or through his Advocate. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of cost.

N. A. Chisty  
(Nusrat Alam Chisty)  
Advocate  
Supreme Court of Bangladesh

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH Local Government Engineering Department Community Based Resource Management Project LGED Bhaban, Agargaon Shere E Bangla Nagar Dhaka 1207			
Memo No. LGED/ CBRMP/T-02 /266		Date 05-10-08	
International Competitive Bidding (ICB)			
<b>Invitation For Tender</b>			
1 Ministry/Division	Local Government Division		
2 Agency	Local Government Engineering Department		
3 Procuring Entity Name	Community Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP)		
4 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh		
5 Invitation for	Tender for procurement of goods		
6 Invitation Ref. No.	LGED/PC/SCBRMP/G-02/2008/02		
7 Date	05-10-2008		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
8 Procurement Method	ICB Open tendering method (OTM)		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
9 Budget and Source of Funds	Annual Development Programme (ADP)		
10 Development Partner	IFAD		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
11 Project Code	7018		
12 Project Name	Sunamganj Community Based Resource Management Project (SCBRMP)		
13 Tender Package No.	As per SI. No. 24		
14 Tender Package Name	As per SI. No. 24		
15 Tender Publication Date	05/10/2008		
16 Tender Last Selling Date	24/11/2008		
17 Tender Closing Date and Time	Date	Time	
	25/11/2008	12:00 AM	
18 Tender Opening Date and Time	Date	Time	
	25/11/2008	12:30 AM	
<b>19 Name &amp; Address of the Office(s)</b>			
Selling Tender Document (Principal)		SCBRMP, LGED Bhaban (level-11) Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh	
Selling Tender Document (Others)		Not Applicable	
Receiving Tender Document		SCBRMP, LGED Bhaban (level-11) Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh	
Opening Tender Document		SCBRMP, LGED Bhaban (level-11) Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh	
<b>20 Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)</b>			
Not Applicable			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>			
21 Eligibility of Tenderer	Mentioned in tender document		
22 Brief Description of Goods	Supply of (a) 4WD Jeep (One nos) (b) Speed Boat (one nos)		
23 Brief Description of Related Services	As per Tender document.		
<b>PACKAGE INFORMATION</b>			
24 Package No.	Identification of Package	Tender Document	Tender Security
G-05/2008	4WD cross country Jeep	1000.00	57000.00
G-06/2008	Speed Boat	500.00	23000.00
Location of Supply		G-05, Dhaka, G-06, PMU, SCBRMP-LGED, Sunamganj	
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
25 Name of Official Inviting Tender	Sk. Md. Mohsin		
26 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director		
27 Address of Official Inviting Tender	CBRMP, LGED Bhaban (Level-11) Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207		
28 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel : 880-2-8151387, 8155581 Fax : 880-2-8155581 E-mail : mohsin300964@yahoo.com		
<b>29 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders</b>			

(Sk. Md. Mohsin)  
Project Director

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Reporting to the Head of Haor Programme, the successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring for managing and leading of 4 years the Maternal, Neonatal and Child survival (MNCS) project in Sunamganj district supported by UNICEF, delivering project activities which impact on the lives of the poorest people in Haor and results in lasting positive change.

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- Ensuring regular monthly monitoring of project budget utilisation. Where variances between plans and actual expenditures arise, ensure justifications are provided and future planning is adjusted where required

- Ensuring that PNGO work is planned and organised in a way which will meet the needs of people in the MNCS project in the most cost effective manner possible; ensuring that team members are given appropriate workloads and are working efficiently.

The skills, qualifications and experiences we are looking for...

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If you have what it takes, and the commitment to Concern's values and vision, please forward a copy of your CV along with details of three references to: Human Resource Department, Concern Worldwide, P.O. Box 650, Dhaka 1000, or by email to recruitment.bgd@concern.net. Please note the position applied for on the envelope or in the email subject line. Any canvassing will result in disqualification.

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