# Stand up against parties who nominate war criminals

SCF leaders urge people

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) chairman Air Vice Marshal (Retd) AK Khandaker Bir Uttam yesterday urged the people to ensure that not a single war criminal is able to get by President of Bangladesh into the parliament.

"The people should remain united and on alert that no war criminal is able to get into the parliament because war criminals not friends of the nation," the SCF

chairman said. He was speaking at a freedom fighters meeting at the Shilpakala auditorium in Munshiganj.

Khandaker said if any party allies with war criminals and nominate them in coming election, SCF and all other freedom fighters would stand up against them.

He also urged that the trial of the war criminals of 1971 should be

## Police foil Rajshahi BNP programme

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday foiled a human chain formed by BNP Rajshahi district and city units demanding release of former Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu.

Around hundred leaders and activists of the units participated in the programme at Moni Chattar in the city at around 11:30am.

Police barricaded the BNP activists and dispersed them when they tried to form the human chain.

Rajshahi district BNP President Azizur Rahman told newsman that the government had forcibly postponed their democratic activities by imposing the state of emergency.

He called on the government to immediately lift the emergency and establish democratic environment in the country.

started right now and that the United Nations should be involved in the process so that no one can obstruct or the trial process like Ziaur Rahman did.

The meeting was presided over Muktijoddha Parishad Mahabub Uddin Ahmed Bir Bikram was also addressed by sector commanders Maj Gen (Retd) KM Shafiullah, Maj Gen (Retd) CR Dutta, Lt Col (Retd)

Abu Osman Chowdhury, former Army Chief Lt Gen (Retd) Harunur-Rashid among others.

The speakers at the meeting demanded trial of all war criminals, declaring them ineligible for the parliamentary election. They also called on all to boycott these criminals socially, economically and politically.

The speakers also demanded the release of Janakantha editor Atikullah Khan Masud.



Although the capture and sale of birds are prohibited to protect biodiversity, a vendor is selling them in cages in Chittagong city yesterday.

degree?

### Bid to increase tuition fee in public varsities protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front yesterday demanded withdrawal of University Grants Commission's (UGC) proposal to increase tuition fee in the public universities, says a press release.

Criticising the UGC chairman's statement, they said, "High tuition fee doesn't ensure quality education, because the students of private universities are paying huge amount of money as tuition fees but they are not getting standard education.

"Instead of taking measures to ensure standard education in the universities, UGC has taken an initiative to turn the universities into money-spinning institutions through this proposal," they

The leaders further said in a bid to ensure standard education in the public universities, UGC should come forward to help university administration to recruit highly qualified teachers, allocate adequate budget in research, ensure sufficient library materials, classrooms and laboratories and provide standard food and proper residential facilities for the students.

### Pipe guns recovered

BSS, Rangamati

A patrol team of joint forces recovered nine abandoned pipe guns, nine live bullets and 33 shells of bullet from a remote area of Belaichhari upazila yesterday, police said.

Besides, one knife, one radio, 250 grams of gunpowder, one torch light, two cloth made bags and a cap were also recovered during the drive.

#### DU math bldg foundation stone laid

DU CORRESPONDENT

The foundation stone laying ceremony of the 10-storied 'AF Mujibur Rahman Math Building' at Dhaka University (DU) was held yesterday. DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA

Faiz along with Rezaur Rahman, chairman of the AF Mujibur Rahman Foundation and elder son of AF Mujibur Rahman, formally laid the foundation stone.

The building will be constructed on one-lakh square feet of land beside the science annex building of the university. The estimated cost of building

has been fixed at Tk 26 crore. The AF Mujibur Rahman Foundation will bear all the construction cost of | Secretary General of Khulna DU Pro-VC Prof AFM Yusuf

# Road crashes kill 4, injure 29

METRO DESK

Traditional

in Khulna

boat race held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A traditional boat race was held

on the river Rupsha in Khulna

yesterday amid colourful festivi-

Deputy Commissioner of

Khulna NM Ziaul Alam inaugu-

rated the impressive event organ-

ised by Nagar Samajik and

Sangskritik Kendro. Khulna

Police Super YM Belalur Rahman

Six teams from nine upazilas

in Khulna district took part in the

race from Customs Ghat to

Khanjahan Ali Bridge. The teams

are Meghdut, Bidyut, Bongoan,

Kapilmuni, Tiger and Kalia. The

race began at 2:30pm and ended

mony and a cultural function were

held at a tastefully decorated venue

near the bridge in the evening, with

KCC Mayor Talukder Abdul

sion Md Yunusur Rahman,

Commissioner of Khulna

Metropolitan Police Md

Helaluddin Badri, DIG of Khulna

Range Police Asaduzzaman Mian,

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Commissioner of Khulna divi-

Khaleque as the chief guest.

The prize distribution cere-

at 6:30pm.

was present as the special guest.

A traditional boat race was held on the river Rupsha in Khulna yesterday amid colourful festivities.

At least four people were killed and 29 injured in separate road accidents in Benapole and Dinajpur and Munshiganj yesterday.

A correspondent from Benapole adds: Two people were killed and one was critically injured in a road accident at Navaron old market area on Jessore-Benapole road yesterday.

#### Rahat Khan honoured

BSS, Dhaka

Litterateur Rahat Khan, who has traversed a long way embellishing and invigorating the literary arena, was honoured yesterday to mark his fifty years as a writer covering a variety of creative works.

Speakers showered praises on him for his multifaceted talents and was greeted with flowers, songs and gifts at a small but lively gathering at the National Museum

The 68-year-old Rahat Khan, also editor of daily Ittefaq, was visibly moved by the sentiments expressed by his seniors, friends and admirers, who congratulated him for his long journey in the field of Bangla literature and wished further success in the years ahead.

Presided over by Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, National Prof Kabir Chowdhury was present at the programme as the chief guest.

Dhaka University Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, writer Anwara Syed Hug, Chief Editor of BSS Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, Rahat Khan's long-time friend Prof Jatin Sarkar, singer Prof Nasheed Kamal, writer Ata Sarkar and Executive Editor of the daily Tosarraf Ali.

They were of the opinion that Khan has established himself as a leading figure in the realm of Bangla literature over a span of decades negotiating an arduous phase. He was initially engrossed in

switched over to journalism, which later took him to the zenith of success in his career. But, the speakers agreed, his genius found truly enchanting expression as a litterateur and the

teaching in the college and

path remains still unending as he has more to contribute to this field. A suave and humble Khan thanked "Amra Surjamukhi", the organisation that arranged the programme and those who

attended it and sought blessings

for the rest of his life.

The victim was identified as Saju, 22 and Babu, 20. Police quoting locals said the

accident occurred when a truck

crashed a rickshaw. Our Correspondent from yesterday. Dinajpur reports: One BDR man was killed and two others were critically injured in a road accident on Dinajpur-Bogra road at

Phulbari in Dinajpur yesterday. The dead was identified as Md Tazul Islam, 32, of Phulbari 40 Battalion.

Two other critically injured BDR men were treated at Dinajpur Medical College Hospital.

Locals said the accident occurred when a speeding bus collided head-on with the BDR pickup van at Barokona village

under Phulbari upazila leaving one BDR man dead on the spot.

Meanwhile, 26 people were injured in a road accident on Phulbari-Rangpur road in Phulbari

Police sources said the accident occurred when a Rangpur-bound bus collided head-on with a truck at Kholahari crossing at 10.45am leaving at least 26 people injured as the bus fell into a roadside ditch.

The injured were rushed to different hospitals and clinics. A correspondent from

Munshiganj adds: A teenage girl was crushed under the wheels of a Dhakabound bus at Srinagar upazila in Munshiganjearlyyesterday.

The victim was identified as China, 14.

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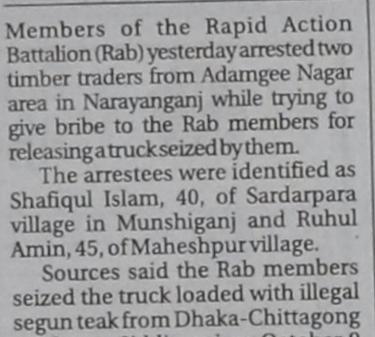
#### 2 timber traders arrested for giving bribe BSS, N'ganj

Members of the Rapid Action

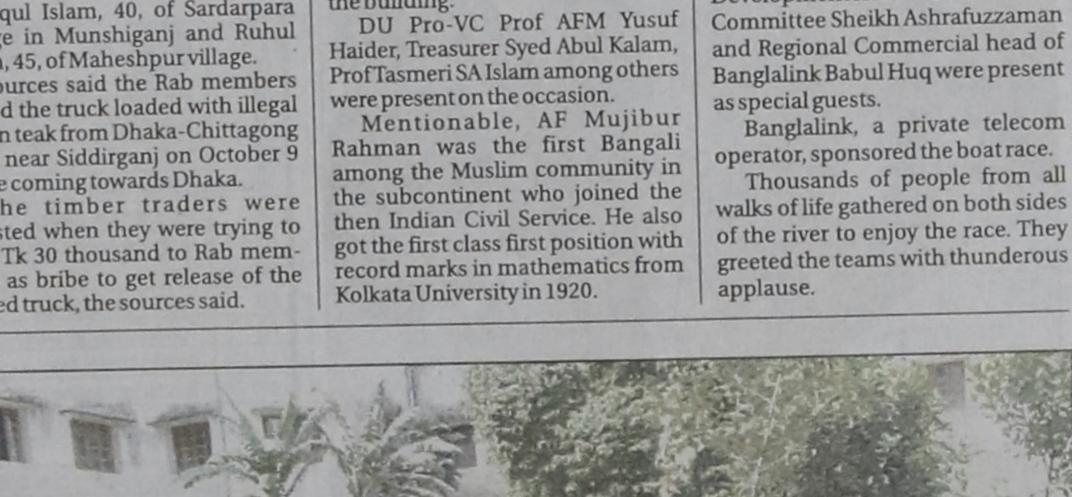
village in Munshiganj and Ruhul Amin, 45, of Maheshpur village.

road near Siddirganj on October 9 while coming towards Dhaka.

seized truck, the sources said.



The timber traders were arrested when they were trying to give Tk 30 thousand to Rab members as bribe to get release of the





DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz along with Rezaur Rahman, chairman of the AF Mujibur Rahman Foundation and elder son of AF Mujibur Rahman, lay the foundation stone of 'AF Mujibur Rahman Math Building' at Dhaka University yesterday.

# 40 hurt as villagers clash in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least 40 people were injured in a two-day clash between two groups of villagers at Satkania upazila of the district over their supremacy in the area.

Of them 10 were admitted to day. Chittagong Medical College and Hospital (CMCH).

Mohammad, Abul, Shamsul Islam, Ilias, Nasir, Abul Malek, Sabbir Ahmad, Nur Nabi, Ahmad and Alamgir.

Police arrested 13 people in this connection.

Rahman, Md Kamal Uddin, Nurul Amin, Ahmad Nabi, Lokman, Nasir Uddin, Mohammad Sohel, Mansur Ali, Joynal, Rubel, Bashir and backed Sultan. Nazim Uddin.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Parimal Sarkar and Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP)

Kazi Helal visited the spot yester-Police said the clash was the outcome of a long-standing dis-The injured are Nur pute between the two local traders Sultan Ahmad and Mohammad

Musa alias Musa Sawdagar of Char Khagaria village over the occupation of a land three months back. Sources said during a mediation of the conflict, local UP They are Tajul Mulluk, Mizanur Chairman Ahmadur Rahman Badsha supported Musa while Badsha's younger brother and former chairman Nur Mohammad

Sources said around eight the management of a local mosque

Kaderia Jame Mosque also develrounds of bullets were traded between the two groups during the oped.

Supporters of both the groups carrying bamboos and lethal weapons got involved in a clash on Friday night which lasted till yesterday morning.

During the clash they also exchanged bullets, sources said. When contacted Officer-in-

Charge of Satkania Police Station Abdul Wadud said the clash erupted over the occupation of land, management of mosque and expansion of supremacy in the

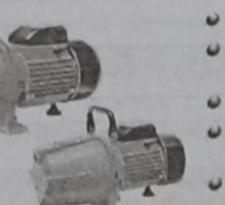
He said a huge number of police was deployed in the area to control the situation while filing of a case was under process.

Police were also searching for the people involved in firing and At that time, an altercation over trying to recover the arms, he

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