

2 BNP factions hold separate meetings in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

Two factions of BNP here organised two separate meetings yesterday to realise five-point demand of the party.

Held at two venues, one at Saheed Satu Hall and the other at Chapainawabganj Club auditorium, a faction was led by district BNP general secretary and former lawmaker Harunur Rashid while the other faction was led by Amir Hossain, organising secretary of district unit of the party.

Rashid's loyalists organised the meeting at Saheed Satu Hall which was presided by Sadar upazila unit president of the party Syeda Asifa Ashrafi Papi.

Among others, BNP joint secretary Goyeswar Chandra Roy, former lawmaker Md Sahajan and former lawmaker Harunur Rashid were present at the meeting.

Amir Hossain's loyalists organised their meeting at Chapainawabganj club auditorium. The meeting was presided by Shawkat Ali, vice president of upazila unit of the party.

Among others, Amir Hossain, Mosidul Haque Masud, general secretary of pousa unit of the party, Nasir uddin, general secretary of Shramik Dal, Rafiqul Islam Bulbul, president of upazila unit of Jubo Dal, Abu Taher Khokon, president of district unit of Jasad and Anwar Hossain, president of district Chhatra Dal addressed.

2 get 20 years for trying to sell woman in brothel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A court here yesterday sentenced two persons to 20 years rigorous imprisonment for trying to sell a garment worker in a brothel.

Judge Jesmin Anwar of Woman and Children Repression Prevention Court in Tangail delivered the verdict. The convicts were also fined Tk 15,000 each, in default, to suffer one year more RI.

The convicts are Labu Miah, 25, of Purbo Adalat Para in Tangail town and Shajahan Miah, 23, of Binnafair village in Tangail Sadar upazila. They are now in Tangail jail.

Garment worker Nazma, 22, and her husband Faruque came to the Tangail house of her husband's friend Shajahan on May 14 last. A day later, Shajahan took her to the house of his brother-in-law Labu in absence of her husband.

They (Labu and Shajahan) took Nazma to Kandapara brothel in Tangail town on the same day and tried to sell her to Roksana, a leader of sex workers.

Asked by Roksana, Nazma declined to work as a sex worker.

Roksana detained Labu and Shajahan and informed police, who arrested the two and rescued Nazma.

Nazma filed a case against the two with the police station.

Freedom fighters demand arrest, punishment of Sajjad's killers

RU CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred freedom fighters at Godagari in Rajshahi district yesterday demanded immediate arrest and punishment to killers of freedom fighter Sajjad Hossain.

They demanded this at a protest meeting held at Godagari Central Shaheed Minar. Godagari upazila unit of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad organised the meeting.

Godagari Muktiyoddha Sangsad commander Monir Rahman Montu presided while it was attended by former Rajshahi district commander of freedom fighters Saidur Rahman as chief guest.

Freedom fighter Sajjad was beaten to death by identified cadres of Jamaat-e-Islami and

Islamic Chhatra Shibir while distributing Jakaat and Fitra among poor people on October 5. He fell in wrath of Jamaat-Shibir cadres for not donating the money to an institution run by Jamaat-Shibir men.

Expressing deep concern over inaction of police during murder, freedom fighters alleged that Jammata-Shibir men hatched a fresh conspiracy against Bangladesh as well as freedom fighters.

They said the anti-liberation forces took a plan to kill freedom fighters across the country. They urged all progressive forces to get united demanding trial of war criminals.

Jammata-Shibir men are engaged in a false propaganda to

protect the actual killers, the alleged. They warned of a tougher agitation with general people if the killers are not punished.

Among others, leaders of Rajshahi district unit of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Mahtab Uddin, Farhad Ali Mia, Moniruzzaman, Alkas and Abdul Khalek addressed.

Later, freedom fighters met Godagari Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sarwar Murshad Chowdhury at his office to submit a memorandum containing their demand.

Rajshahi University unit of Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan, a platform of children of freedom fighters also demanded immediate arrest and punishment to Sajjad's killers and immediate trial of war criminals.

3-member panel of BCC mayors elected

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal City Corporation (BCC) councilors yesterday elected a three-member panel of mayors.

They are Md Altaf Mahmud Sikder, councillor of Ward No 21, A KM Shahidullah, councillor of Ward No 12 and Sayeda Aysha Luna (reserved seat).

The panel will conduct mayoral duties in order of preference in absence of the mayor.

Ten councilors contested in the election.

When contacted, BCC Chief Executive Officer Mehedi Hasan said 39 out of 40 councilors cast their vote.



Angker Bangladesh forms a human chain on Dakatia River at Chandpur yesterday demanding preservation of recently salvaged ship MV Lorum, sunk by freedom fighters during Liberation War. It was used for carrying goods for Pakistan occupation forces.

Baralekha BNP faction demands action against Ebadur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

One of the two 'rival committees' of Baralekha upazila BNP has sent recommendation to BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hussain to take punitive measures against former state minister advocate Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury.

Speakers in a meeting of Baralekha upazila BNP committee backed by former lawmaker Naser Rahman (son of former finance minister Saifur Rahman) on Thursday blamed the former state minister for his negative comments against BNP chief Khaleda Zia immediately after 1/11.

They requested Khandaker Delwar to give party nomination to expatriate BNP leader Darad Ahmed for Moulvibazar-1 (Baralekha and a part of Juri upazila) constituency instead of Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury.

Presided over by Muhibur Rahman Faruque, president of the committee backed by Naser Rahman, also Moulvibazar district BNP president, the meeting was attended, among others, by upazila BNP leaders Abdus Shahid Khan, Abu Nasar Masud, Hazi Abdul Mukit Lulu, Shamsul Haque, Anul Haque and Darad Ahmed.

Earlier on September 24, Kulaura upazila BNP took similar decision against MM Shahin, a former lawmaker, and AH Mofazzal Karim, adviser to BNP chairperson.

Advocate Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury, former state minister and a former lawmaker from Baralekha, is backing another committee of Baralekha upazila BNP.

Ebadur Rahman-backed committee president Abdul Hafiz and general secretary Fazul Haque told the reporters on Friday that Muhibur Rahman Faruque, Anwarul Islam and Abdus Shahid Khan, who introduced themselves as president, general secretary and organising secretary of upazila BNP, were expelled from the party and the expulsion order was sent to Baralekha BNP by central office secretary on April 20, 2006.

The expulsion order has not been withdrawn till now, they said.

They termed Thursday's meeting of Naser-backed committee of Baralekha BNP as part of conspiracy against BNP and four-party alliance.

Ebadur Rahman told the reporters that he met BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in Dhaka recently when the party chief instructed him to conduct party activities in Baralekha and make preparation for election.

Muhibur Rahman Faruque, president of Naser-backed committee, told this correspondent that his committee is legal, as Moulvibazar district committee constituted it.

3 babies die of pneumonia in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Three children died here yesterday and over 150 others were attacked with pneumonia that broke out in an epidemic form in the district.

The victims are Arefa, 14, daughter of Feroj Hossain of Thutapukur village in Palashbari upazila, Likhon, 2, son of Jaharul Huq of Mohipur village and a seven-day-old infant of Faruk Mia at Uttar Mandua village, both of Sadullapur upazila.

Meanwhile, at least 36 pneumonia-attacked children have been admitted to Giabandha Sadar Hospital within three days, hospital sources said.

Change in season and post-flood situation are reasons behind outbreak of the disease, said an on-duty physician.

Allegations of 174 lawyers against Khulna CMM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

One hundred and seventy four lawyers of Khulna District Bar Association have brought allegations of corruption against Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md. Mahabubur Rahman.

A petition signed by the 174 lawyers has been sent to the Chief Justice seeking his intervention in the matter and demanding formation of a judicial committee to probe into the allegations for necessary action.

The lawyers' contains 18 allegations. They alleged that the Chief

Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) earned Taka eighty lakh as graft for recruiting 39 officials and employees, violating circular of the ministry concerned.

Most of the recruited officials and employees come from his home district Pabna, they alleged.

Besides, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate misbehaves with lawyers, police, clients and employees during official hours and also in the court, the petitioners alleged, demanding his removal from Khulna Metropolitan Court for the sake of maintaining sanctity of the judiciary.

When contacted yesterday, CMM Md. Mahabubur Rahman denied all the allegations. He also admitted receiving a copy of the petition sent to the Chief Justice.

He said that a group of lawyers took the stand against him without any basis. "The allegations are absolutely unfounded, false and motivated as I never served their ill purpose", the CMM said, claiming himself to be "most sincere and honest in his official and judicial works".

President of Khulna District Bar Association Advocate SR Faruque, when asked, refused to comment on this matter.

AL's 'no' to JP secy Ruhul Amin in Patuakhali-1

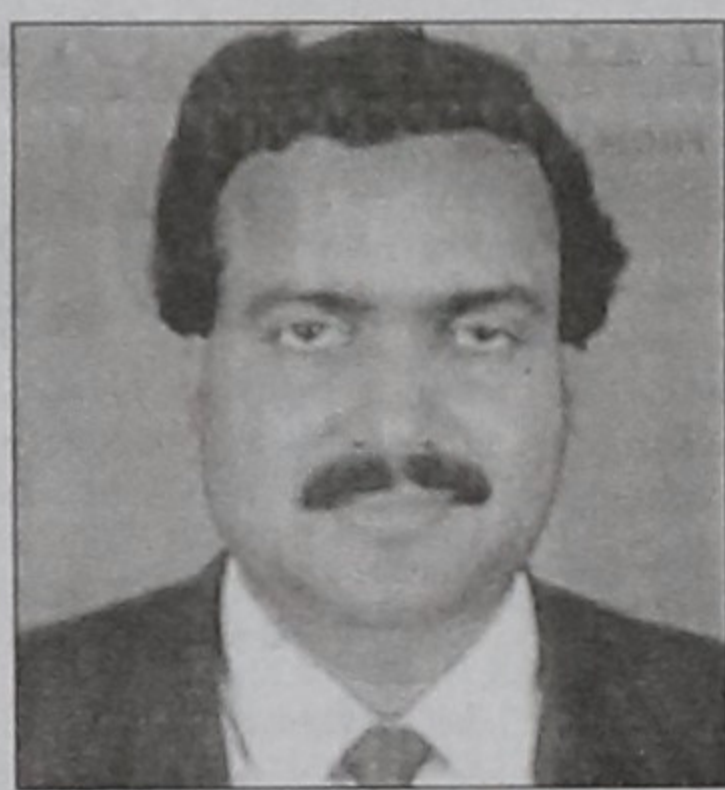
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Awami League (AL) in Patuakhali-1 constituency (Patuakhali, Mirzaganj and Dumki upazilas) at two meetings have decided that they will not accept Jatiya Party (JP) secretary general ABM Ruhul Amin Howlader as a 14-party alliance candidate in the area.

All party men will boycott him, according to decisions held on Saturday and on October 8. The angered Local JP leaders, who urged local AL leader not to take such a stance in the interest of the alliance.

At several Eid re-union functions in Patuakhali, Ruhul Amin Howlader declared that he would run in Patuakhali-1 constituency as an alliance candidate in the upcoming parliamentary polls.

After his declaration, local Patuakhali Sadar upazila AL leaders held a meeting on October 8 and those of Mirzaganj and Dumki on Saturday,



Ruhul Amin Howlader

party sources said.

At the meetings, they claimed that Ruhul Amin has no popularity in the constituency. He got only 4,500 voted in 1996 parliamentary election and lost his security money. JP candidates also lost their security money in 1991 and 2001 polls, they said.

The alliance will lose the seat in the coming polls also if he is nominated, they told the meetings, party sources said.

They demanded an Awami League candidate in the area. Resolution adopted in the two meetings in this regard were sent to AL high command, the sources said.

The meeting of Patuakhali Sadar AL, held at the party office, was presided over by its president Syed Habibur Rahman.

Meetings of Mirzaganj and Dumki upazila units were held at the party office.

On Friday in the evening, JP district unit held a press conference at the party office, where senior vice president Khairul Alam Mamun in a written statement said AL leaders are making propaganda against Ruhul Amin Howlader as JP's popularity is increasing in Patuakhali day by day.

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