

Major parties in crisis to field candidates in Barisal region

14 of 23 ex-MPs sued, 8 of them convicted

RAFIQUL ISLAM, Barisal

Major political parties will face crisis in fielding candidates in Barisal region as most of its prominent leaders are either convicted or on the run since 1/11.

Fourteen out of 23 former lawmakers of the two parties from Barisal division have been sued in 51 cases and eight of them are convicted in 10 cases.

Most of the rest cases are under trial and being probed by different law enforcing agencies and Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

The convicted lawmakers are Barisal district Awami League (AL) secretary and former chief whip Abul Hasant Abdullah (Barisal-1 constituency), central Jubo Dal vice-president and former lawmaker from Barisal-6 Abul Hossain Khan, former BNP lawmaker from Jhalakati-1 and former state minister Barrister Shahjahan Omar Bir Uttam, former BNP lawmaker from Patuakhali-2 Shaidul Alam Talukdar, former BNP lawmaker from Barguna-2 Nurul Islam Moni, former BNP lawmaker from Barguna-3 Matur Rahman Talukdar, former BNP lawmaker from Bhola-3 Hafiz Ibrahim, Jatiyo Party (Monju) chairman and former lawmaker from Proppur-2 Anwar Hossain Monju.

Most of the front ranking leaders and former lawmakers elected from Barisal region including 23 Jatiya Sangsad constituencies are absent from their areas since the 1/11.

Former BNP minister Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) Altaf Hussein Chowdhury, former BCC Mayor and former BNP lawmaker Majibor Rahman Sarwar, and former lawmakers Hafiz Ibrahim, Nazimuddin Alam, Matur Rahman Talukdar are in under custody.

On the other hand, reformist BNP leader and former state minister Shah Md. Abul Hossain, former BNP whip Syed Shahidul Huq Jamal, former BNP lawmakers Elen Bhutto and Rustam Ali Farazi and former AL lawmaker Md Mahubur Rahman Talukdar are not seen in their areas since 1/11.



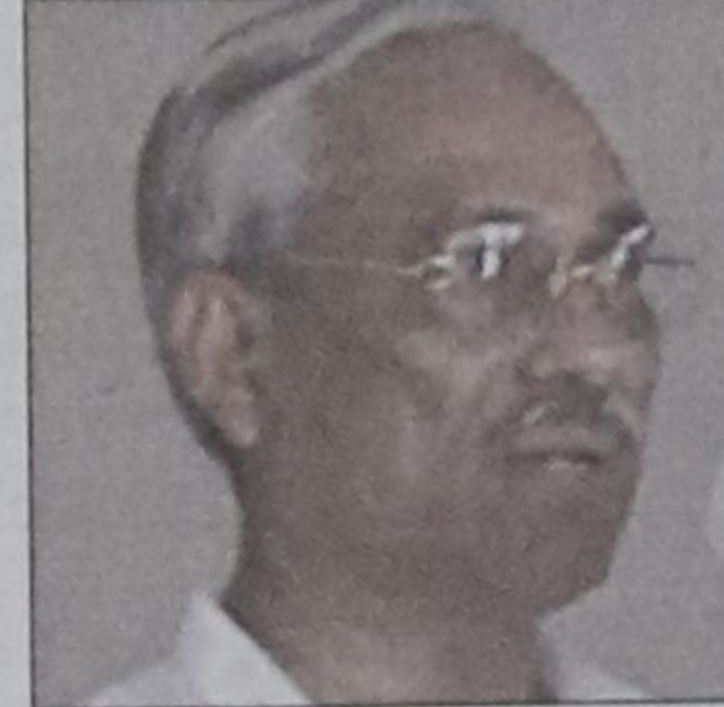
Abul Hasant Abdullah



Anwar Hossain Monju



Shaidul Alam Talukdar



Shahjahan Omar Bir Uttam

However, no case has been filed against reformist BNP leaders Mosharrar Hossain Monju of Barisal-3, Shah Md. Abul Hossain of Barisal-4, former state minister Shahidul Huq Jamal, Israt Sultana Elen Bhutto of Banaripara of Swarupkati constituency, Jamaat leader and former lawmaker Mawlana Delwar Hussein Sayeedi of Pirojpur-2, former AL lawmaker from Patuakhali-3 AKM Jahangir Hossain, reformist former AL lawmaker Mahubur Rahman of Patuakhali-4, former AL lawmaker of Barguna-1 Delwar Hossain and Mosharrar Hossain Shahjahan of Bhola-1.

BARISAL
Abul Hasant Abdullah, cousin of Sheikh Hasina, left the country days before 1/11 and is in India, sources said.
Tried in absentia, Hsanat has

been sentenced to 22 years' imprisonment in two cases for ill-gotten wealth, wealth information and evading taxes. He is also accused in seven other cases for alleged forgery, terrorism, corruption and possessing illegal arms.

Central BNP leader Zahiruddin Swapan, a lawmaker from Hasnat's constituency, was also sued on October 5 by a party man for alleged toll collection.

Syed Moazem Hossain Alal, central Jubo Dal secretary and former lawmaker from Barisal-2, was sued on April 25 last year by a JCD leader Kazi Mahfuzur Rahman. He was arrested and is on bail now.

Barisal district BNP president, former BCC Mayor and former lawmaker Mojibor Rahman Sarwar was arrested from his house in Dhaka

on May 29 last year under Arms Act. Accused in seven cases including one for murder, he is now in jail.

Central Jubo Dal vice president and former lawmaker Abul Hossain Khan was convicted for 7 years in an arms case on May 24. He is on bail granted by High Court.

JHALAKATI
Former state minister and BNP leader Barrister Shahjahan Omar Bir Uttam of Jhalakati-1 constituency is accused in two cases for attempt to murder and toll collection.

Tried in absentia, Omar has been sentenced to 13 years imprisonment for possessing illegal wealth. He is absconding, police said.

PIROJPUR
Jatiyo Party (Monju) chairman and former communications minister Anwar Hossain Monju has been convicted for five and his wife, former lawmaker Tasmima Hossain, is also accused in two cases.

Former BNP lawmaker from Pirojpur-3 Dr. Rustom Ali Farazi is accused in two cases, now under investigation by ACC and police.

PATUAKHALI
Former BNP lawmaker of Patuakhali-2 Shaidul Alam Talukdar, convicted for 10 years, is on bail by High court former home minister Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) Altaf Hussein Chowdhury is accused in a case for possessing ill-gotten wealth and tax evasion.

BARGUNA
Former BNP lawmaker from Barguna-2 Nurul Islam Moni is on trial in absentia in one case. He faces four other cases, now under investigation by ACC.

BHOLA
Former BNP lawmaker from Bhola-3 Hafiz Ibrahim is accused in 18 cases. He was to 13 years' imprisonment in two cases and is now in jail.

BNP lawmaker from Bhola-4 Nazimuddin Alam is in jail. He faces eight cases and has been granted bail in three of them.

Former BNP lawmaker from Bhola-3 and former state minister Maj (ret'd.) MA Hafiz is accused in 2 cases.



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PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

'Punish rapists of indigenous women'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Hundreds of indigenous people from Kalmakanda and Durgapur upazilas in Netrakona district yesterday formed a human chain in front of the office of Kalmakanda upazila nirbahi officer demanding punishment of two persons for raping indigenous women.

Two cases were filed with Kalmakanda Police Station on September 20 and October 11 against Jamal Mia of Baluchara village and Amir Hamza of Jigatola village for raping two indigenous women on September 19 and October 10, said police and indigenous leaders.

After the human chain organised by local NGO Sarbik Manab Unnayan Sangathan, indigenous leaders submitted a memorandum to Kalmakanda UNO.

Police failed to arrest the accused of the two cases although they are seen moving in the area, said the memorandum to UNO.

JOURNO BELAL MURDER 13 BNP-Jamaat men charge-sheeted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Investigation authorities yesterday pressed charges against 13 people including local Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abu Taleb Sardar and local Jubo Dal leaders Nazrul Islam and Zahirul Islam in the case for killing journalist Belal Hossain in Kalaroa upazila on September 14 in 2006.

The investigation officer (IO) of the case, Inspector Subhas Chandra Biswas of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) submitted two separate charge sheets against them to the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court at Satkhira.

The accused, local leaders and activists of BNP and Jamaat, killed the journalist as he protested their felling down and taking away mehgan trees beside Satkhira-Jessore road, the IO said.

Shibir posters depict BCL men as terrorists

RU CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) unit of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) yesterday pasted posters on walls of residential halls and different buildings on the campus portraying Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists as terrorists, campus sources said.

ICS activists pasted the posters under banner of 'General Students of Rajshahi Medical College.' They also displayed photos of clash between BCL and JCD activists on the campus on September 13.

The incident infuriated the BCL activists causing chase and counter chase on the campus between activists of both the student organisations.

However, police rushed to the campus immediately after the incident and brought the situation under control.

Later, BCL held a protest rally on the campus.

ACC will continue drive under elected govt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) will continue its anti-corruption drive in joint collaboration with the next democratically elected government.

ACC chairman Lt Gen (ret'd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury announced this while addressing a meeting at Patuakhali Shilpakala Academy auditorium yesterday.

District administration organised the meeting titled, 'Taking Institutional Initiative to Stop Corruption.'

However, he said it will not be possible to work independently if the government does not want to do so. 'There is no compromise with corruption,' he firmly said. 'We shall continue our anti-corruption drive anyhow,' he said.

'The situation may change after the next Jatiya Sangsad elections but it will not detract us from our goal, rather our drives will go on in full swing during rule of the future government,' he said.

'After release on bail, one should not think that he has been freed from all of his allegations,' he said.

FFs remove Razakars' plaque

KONGKON KARMAR, back from Thakurgaon

Freedom fighters of Thakurgaon yesterday destroyed the plaques of two Razakars' set by Thakurgaon municipality authority as district administration failed to take any steps within the deadline announced by freedom fighters.

On Sunday afternoon, freedom fighters submitted memo to Thakurgaon deputy commissioner demanding cancellation of Thakurgaon municipality authorities' decision to name two important roads after Razakars within 12 hours.

Thakurgaon Municipality authorities hung signboards naming two roads, one from Hospital to Thakurgaon Municipality office and the other from Tanipara to Kalbari, after Oman Ali and Nurul Haque Chowdhury, who were members of Peace Committee during the Liberation War, in the dark of night on Wednesday, the freedom fighters said.

Thakurgaon Municipality Mayor Shahed Kamal Chowdhury Dalim said the names were selected

at the councillor meeting of Thakurgaon Municipality.

Thakurgaon Deputy

Commissioner Miah Abdullah Mamun could not be contacted for his comment.



PHOTO: STAR

Freedom fighters demolishing a Razakar's plaque marking a road in front of Thakurgaon municipality yesterday.

'Don't harass left leaders in name of hunting outlaws'

RU CORRESPONDENT

Leaders and activists of Gonotratrik Baam Morcha, (democratic left alliance) in Rajshahi yesterday urged the authorities not to 'harass' their leaders in the name of hunting outlaws.

Morcha leaders at a press conference at Bangladesh Samajtrantik Dal (BSD) office here urged law enforcing agencies and influential political leaders in Bagmara upazila were harassing Morcha Rajshahi coordinator Aminul Haque, a resident of Bangmara and probable candidate in the upcoming upazila election.

Morcha central coordinator advocate Abdus Salam in a written statement said, in 2004, when JMB leader Bangla Bhai launched terrorism in Bagmara, its activists identified Aminul Haque as an outlaw and damaged his houses, property and tried to kill him. Aminul Haque escaped and saved his life.

Jatiya Gono Front central coordinator comrade Tipu Biswas, Gono Sanghoti central coordinator Muzayyed Saki, Rajshahi coordinator Nurul Murshad, Bangladesh Krisani Sovo coordinator Omi Kisku, BSD Rajshahi coordinator Ashim Chakrabarti and Aminul Haque were present at the conference.

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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের উর্দু বিভাগের চেয়ারম্যান এবং ইনস্টিটিউট অব মেডিকেল টেকনোলজী, মিরপুর, ঢাকা, রাজশাহী ইনস্টিটিউট অব মেডিকেল টেকনোলজী, প্রাইম ইনস্টিটিউট অব মেডিকেল টেকনোলজী, রাজশাহী, চিটাগাং ইনস্টিটিউট অব মেডিকেল টেকনোলজী-এর ভাইস চেয়ারম্যান -

অধ্যাপক ডঃ উম্মে সালমা

গত ১১/১০/২০০৮ ইং সকাল ৬.৩০ ঘটিকায় কলকাতা এ্যাপোলো হাসপাতালে চিকিৎসাধীন অবস্থায় ইহকাল করেন। (ইম্মা-লিল্লাহি ওয়া ইম্মা ইলাহি রাজিউন)। আগামী ১৫ই অক্টোবর ২০০৮ ইং রোজ বুধবার বাদ আসর রবি-৬৮, ফ্রাট-সি/২, রোড-১২/এ, ধানমন্ডি স্থায়ী বাস ভবনে মরহুমার কুলখানি ও দোয়া মাহফিল অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

উক্ত দোয়া মাহফিলে সকল আত্মীয় স্বজন ও শুভাকাঙ্ক্ষীদের অংশগ্রহণের জন্য বিনীত অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে।

নিবেদক
মরহুমার স্বামী, অধ্যাপক ডাঃ মোঃ আবদুল মালেক এবং তাঁর পরিবারবর্গ

Ila Mitra's death anniversary passes unnoticed

Her parental house, lands grabbed

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

The sixth death anniversary of fire-brand peasant leader Ila Mitra who led the famous *tebhagha* movement in the region during British rule passed yesterday silently, unnoticed.

No political party, leftist or rightist, took any programme to remember the leader who underwent severe torture during the Pakistani period for her leading role to protest interest of peasants in south-western region in the then East Pakistan.

Her parental house at Bagutia village in Shaikupa upazila, 40 away from Jhenidah district town is now in ruins and partly occupied by others and her lands grabbed.

Ila Mitra was born in October, 18, 1895. She was born and brought up in Calcutta as her father Nagendranath was a service holder there.

Now, most people in the area are not aware about this aristocratic lady who sacrificed her life for the downtrodden. Asked about her house, some villagers said they only know that this house belonged to a 'rebel person'.

Visiting the house of Ila Mitra yesterday, this correspondent found sons of one Hazi Kiam Uddin living there.

One of them, Ali Hossain, said they purchased seven acres of her land including this grand building. He does not know more than this.



PHOTO: STAR

Ila Mitra's ancestral house at Bhagutia village in Shaikupa in ruins, being grabbed.

এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড
২৬৫-২৬৭, টংগী শিল্প এলাকা, গাজীপুর।

ক্রিয়ারিং এন্ড ফরওয়ার্ডিং (সিএন্ডএফ) এজেন্ট নিয়োগের জন্য পুনঃদরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

চট্টগ্রাম সমুদ্রবন্দর হতে এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিঃ কর্তৃক আমদানীকৃত মটরসাইকেলের সিকেডি যন্ত্রাংশ খালস এবং এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিঃ এর টংগী শিল্প এলাকা, গাজীপুরে অবস্থিত কারখানা গ্রাসন পর্যন্ত পরিবহনের জন্য এ ধরনের কাজে কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত ক্রিয়ারিং এন্ড ফরওয়ার্ডিং এজেন্টদের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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- হিসাব বিভাগ, এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিঃ অথবা হিসাব বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ইম্পোর্ট ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন, "বিএসইসি ভবন", ১০২ কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫ হতে নগদ মূল্যে দরপত্র সিডিউল ত্রয় করা যাবে।
- বাংলাদেশের যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে আনুমানিক এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড এর অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে।
- দরপত্রসমূহ এটলাস বাংলাদেশ লিঃ এর কারখানা অথবা উর্ধ্বতন মহাব্যবস্থাপক (ক্রয়), বাংলাদেশ ইম্পোর্ট ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত বাস্তব এবং নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ে উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ থাকেন) তা খোলা হবে।
- দরপত্রের অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত কাগজপত্র দরপত্র সিডিউলের সঙ্গে পাওয়া যাবে।
- কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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