

Rejoinder

In a rejoinder on October 22, former commander of Muktiyoddha Sangsad Magura District Unit, Khan Ali Reza Raja, expressed shock at finding name of a late local leader in our October 20 story titled 'Magura war criminals' list controversial.

He regretted inclusion of the name of late Wazed Ali Khan in the story written on his statement for local media men. He went on to claim that Wazed Ali Khan's name was not in his draft statement and added it while composing the text on computer to tarnish the image of the Wazed family. He apologised for the factual error.

OUTREPLY The rejoinder is self-explanatory.



College girl Rimu murder case shifted to CID after 11 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

As police failed to find any clue to the murder of college girl Rimu in 11 months, the sensational case was shifted to CID yesterday.

The case records were handed over to Senior ASP of CID Sylhet on orders from police headquarters, official sources said. Investigation will be done under guidance of CID headquarters, they added.

Meanwhile, the victim's family, fellow students and human rights activists have demanded immediate arrest of the killers and their punishment. Several of processions, rallies and human chains were held in last 11 months for arrest and punishment of the killers.

Police recovered the body of Ferdousi Rumman Rimu, a student of 3rd year honours class at Madam Mohan College, contained in a suitcase, from Biswanath upazila on December 9 last year. Four days ahead of the incident, she went out of her home for college, but did not return.

Failing to trace her, the victim's family lodged a GD with Kotwali police December 9.

Daughter of Shah Nurul Afsar of Selborosh village in Dharampasha upazila in Sunamganj district, Rimu stay at a rented house a Sylhet city's Subidbazar area. Her father is an official of Krishi Bank at Biswambharpur in Sunamganj.

Declare war criminals ineligible for polls

Seek UN help for their trial, Sector Commanders Forum demands at freedom fighters meet

A CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) Chairman Air Vice Marshal (ret) AK Khondokar Bir Uttam yesterday called upon the people to remain alert and united so that no war criminal can get into the parliament because they are not friends of the nation.

He demanded that government take the help of the United Nations for trial of war criminals. He referred to countries like Germany, Kosovo and Cambodia in this regard.

He was speaking at a freedom fighters meeting at Shaheed Satu Hall in Chapainawabganj.

Khondokar said, if any party makes an alliance with war criminals and nominate them in the coming national election, SCF and all freedom fighters will stand against them.

He said trial of war criminals should be started right now and UN should be involved in the process.

With Chapainawabganj unit of Muktiyoddha Sangsad Md. Alauddin in the chair, the meeting was also addressed by, among others, SCF leaders Lt. Gen. (ret) Harunur Rashid Bir Bikram Maj. Gen. (ret) KM Shafiullah Bir Uttam, Maj. Gen. (ret) CR Datt Bir Uttam, Lt. Col (ret) Abu

Osman Chowdhury Bir Uttam, Maj. Gen. Masudur Rahman Bir Protik, Col. Shamsul Alam, DIG Shafique Ullah and journalist Harun Habib.

The speakers said war criminals should be declared ineligible for the parliamentary election and called for boycotting them socially and politically.

War criminals should be tried for the sake of democracy, peace and harmony in society.

The SCF leaders urged all, the youths in particular, to continue their campaign against war criminals in every village and town in the country.



Air Vice Marshal AK Khondokar Bir Uttam (inset), chairman of Sector Commanders Forum, addresses a meeting of freedom fighters at Shahid Satu Hall in Chapainawabganj town yesterday.

Row in Magura AL over nomination Party men divided over ex-MP Akbar's candidacy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Rival factions of Sreepur upazila unit Awami League (AL) have continued mudslinging over former lawmaker Dr MS Akbar's possible nomination from Magura-1 constituency (Magura Sadar and Sreepur upazilas) for the next general election.

One faction led by Sreepur upazila unit AL President Akbar Hossain Mian and former general secretary of district AL Molla Nabuot Ali have declared former lawmaker Akbar 'unwanted'.

At meetings in different unions in the upazila, they criticised him for alleged link with Jamaat and BNP men and vowed to resist him in the constituency.

On Thursday afternoon, rival party men at a meeting at Khamarpara Madrasa auditorium said they would work together if the party nominates any person other than Akbar.

Akbar loyalists at a press conference at Magura Press Club auditorium on Wednesday blamed Akbar Hossain Mian and his politi-



Dr MS Akbar

cal aides for 'tarnishing' the image of the party.

They said Dr Akbar stills hold the post of party's district unit general secretary. Among others, district unit AL President Altaf Hossain attended the press conference.

Earlier on October 17, Dr Akbar's opponents held a press conference at Sreepur upazila public library auditorium from where they declared the former lawmaker 'unwanted' in the upazila. On Tuesday, they held another meeting at Dariapur to oppose Akbar's possible nomination.

When contacted, former lawmaker Akbar said, "I believe that those who nominated me earlier will also nominate me this time and opposition by a circle will not affect the process."

Protests on against demolition of Lalon statue

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Protests are still going on in Magura, Moulvibazar, Rajshahi and Manikganj condemning demolition of Lalon statue at the airport roundabout in Dhaka recently.

Various socio-cultural and political organisations in the four districts formed human chains, held rallies and handed over memorandum to the administration yesterday and day before.

Udichi, Lalon Smriti Sangsad, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Shaheed Sangbadik Sirjuddin Smriti Parishad and Bangabandhu Sangskritik Parishad jointly formed a human chain in Magura town, said our Magura Correspondent.

Later, memorandums were handed over to the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police.

Kanthabithi, a recital organisation, also organised a protest meeting at Sayed Ator Ali Public Library auditorium with Khan Mazharul Huq in the chair.

In Moulvibazar town, Charan Sangskritik Kendro, Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Bangladesh Jubo Union formed human chains, said our Moulvibazar Correspondent.

In Rajshahi city, Rajshahi Union of Journalist (RUJ), Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Rajshahi, Jubo Union and Charon Sangskritik Kendro formed separate human chains and held rallies in last two days.

In Manikganj town, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Udichi Shilpi Goshthi formed human chains, said our Manikganj Correspondent.

Four-party will go to power, says Mojahid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid yesterday expressed hope that four-party alliance, will go in power in the next polls by the grace of Allah.

Termining four-party alliance as the 'party of Allah', he said the alliance is now held in high esteem among the people.

Emergency power rules will have to be lifted before the election, the Jamaat leader said during his speech as chief guest at a meeting at Harinakunda Zila Parishad auditorium yesterday.

"The country is passing through a difficult situation during this present government's rule. The government has failed to rein in the price of essential commodities. People will have to starve if the present government remains in power for long," he said.

Accusing Awami League of killing Jamaat activists with logi and baitha, Mojahid urged all to shun the 'politics of logi and baitha' forever.

Special guest Jamaat leader Abdul Kader Molla, Jhenidah district Jamaat Ameer Mozammel Haq, spoke among others, at the meeting chaired by Harinakunda upazila Jamaat Ameer Alauddin.



Sathkira-Khulna highway flooded by overflowing of silted Kobadak River.

Unending ordeal as promises belied

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

Thousands of commuters on Sathkira-Khulna highway have been suffering much as the direct road link between Sathkira and Khulna has remained cut since October 2 due to flooding of the road at Mirzapur and Noapara points.

As the road went under water due to overflowing of Kobadak River, vehicles cannot ply the road while Roads and Highways Department has failed to repair the road after over three weeks.

People requiring journey to and come from Sathkira to Khulna, have to cross the inundated road by engine trawlers or boat or rickshaw van paying Tk 10 to 20 each, locals said.

Businessmen and shrimp traders are also suffering a lot as goods carrying trucks cannot ply the road at the inundated points, sources said.

Trucks carrying imported goods

from Bhomra land port have to go to Khulna via Jessore and importers have to pay double fares as trucks are to ply 65 km more road, importers said.

Sources said gushing water from silted River Kobadak is flowing about three to four feet high at Mirzapur and Noapara points on Sathkira-Khulna road.

At least 45 villages in Tala upazila have been inundated and about 50,000 people living on the banks of the silted River Kobadak have become marooned as the water overflowing its banks got stagnant in the area.

Local people have urged the government to take measures to repair the road immediately to mitigate their sufferings.

When contacted, Executive Engineer Habibur Rahman of Sathkira Roads and Highways Department said they have written to the higher authorities to sanction fund to repair the inundated road.

One drowns, 10 hurt in B'baria boat capsizes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A child drowned and at least 10 of a bridal party were injured when a trawler dashed a mechanised boat in Joydankani Beel in Sarail upazila yesterday.

The dead was identified as Md. Junayed, 7, of Mohishber village.

The boat with the bridal party of about 30 people sank when the trawler hit it in the middle of the vast water body. Boats nearby areas rescued all but the child, witnesses said.

Correction

Caption of a photograph published on the National page of The Daily Star on October 23 erroneously mentioned the person at the centre as the Swiss ambassador to Bangladesh. Actually the Swiss ambassador appeared at the left in the photograph. We regret the inadvertent mistake.

Banqladesh Cricket Board CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Ref No: BCB / 2007/ 08-3164 (A)

Date : 24th October 2008

(1) Installation of Tubular Flood Lights Pole with Installation of Flood Light

It is hereby notified for general information that the invitation for tender vide ref: - No-BCB/2007/08/2918; dated 29-09-2008 for Installation of Tubular Flood lights pole with installation of flood light at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka and published in the daily News Paper, 'The Daily Star' and 'The Daily Ittefaq' on 30-10-2008 is corrigendum as follows:

- i) Tender last selling date shall be 23-11-2008 instead of 26-10-2008.
ii) Tender Closing date and time shall be 24-11-2008 at 12 noon instead of 27-10-2008 at 12 noon.
iii) Tender Opening date and time shall be 24-11-2008 at 13.00 PM instead of 27-10-2008 at 13.00 PM.
iv) All Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

(2) Renovation of existing 3 (Three) storied building including vertical extension of additional 3 Storied on the existing Krira Polli at SBNS

It is hereby notified for general information that the invitation for tender vide ref: - No-BCB/2007/08/2919; dated 29-09-2008 for Renovation of existing 3 (Three) storied building including vertical extension of additional 3 Storied on the existing Krira Polli at SBNS complex, Mirpur, Dhaka and published in the daily News Paper, 'The Daily Star' and 'The Daily Ittefaq' on 30-10-2008 is corrigendum as follows:

- i) Tender last selling date shall be 23-11-2008 instead of 26-10-2008.
ii) Tender Closing date and time shall be 24-11-2008 at 12 noon instead of 27-10-2008 at 12 noon.
iii) Tender Opening date and time shall be 24-11-2008 at 12.15 PM instead of 27-10-2008 at 12.15 PM.
iv) All Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

(3) Construction of Suspended Steel Canopy

It is hereby notified for general information that the invitation for tender vide ref: - No-BCB/2007/08/2920; dated 29-09-2008 for Construction of suspended steel canopy at entry level of grand stand at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka and published in the daily News Paper, 'The Daily Star' and 'The Daily Ittefaq' on 30-10-2008 is corrigendum as follows:

- i) Tender last selling date shall be 23-11-2008 instead of 26-10-2008.
ii) Tender Closing date and time shall be 24-11-2008 at 12 noon instead of 27-10-2008 at 12 noon.
iii) Tender Opening date and time shall be 24-11-2008 at 12.45 PM instead of 27-10-2008 at 12.45 PM.
iv) All Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

The above corrigendum has already been incorporated in the Tender Documents.

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'Build permanent dam on Jamuna at Ranigram'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

People from all walks of life of 12 villages in Sirajganj Sadar upazila, at a rally held at Charnalshapara intersection here yesterday, demanded of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) authorities to construct a permanent dam from Ranigram heart point to Jamuna Bridge in the ongoing dry season.

They also demanded immediate rehabilitation of hundreds of river erosion victims of last rainy season.

People who thronged the area included teachers, businessmen,

politicians, labourers, social workers and cultural activists.

Hafez Abdul Quddus presided the rally.

Speakers said the BWDB personnel are wasting crores of taka every year in name of protecting people from river erosion. But people living near the river fall regular victims of flood and erosion causing ruin of their homesteads, property and land, they said.

If a permanent dam is constructed and the river channel is dredged regularly then the affected people would have been saved from the natural calamity, they further said.



Villagers at a rally at Charnalshapara in Sirajganj demand construction of an embankment on Jamuna from Ranigram Hard Point to Jamuna Bridge.

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