

## 32 rescued from traffickers

A CORRESPONDENT, Chawabganj

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) rescued 32 people at Paschim Bakchar of Alatali union in Sadar upazila while being trafficked to India Saturday night.

BDR rescued them conducting a raid at an abandoned house at about 10:30 pm. Eighteen of them were men, 10 of them women and four others children. 39, Rifles Battalion Commanding Officer Golem Kibria Mohammad Neyamotullah said. Traffickers gave them false promises of lucrative jobs in Mumbai and Delhi, he said.

Traffickers brought them here from different parts of Khulna, Jessore, Bagerhat and Narail districts for trafficking to India, BDR said.

Later, they were handed over to police. However, none was arrested.

## Freedom fighter Mirza Tasmimul passes away

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Freedom fighter Mirza Tasmimul Islam alias Bablu Mirza passed away at Apollo Hospital in Dhaka on Saturday evening. He was 72.

Bablu Mirza, also a modern farmer, sports organiser and social worker, was suffering from lung cancer.

He introduced vegetable and seed production with modern method and helped to popularise vegetable cultivation among the farmers in the region.

For his contribution to agricultural sector, he received president award for agriculture in 1980 and several awards from different national and international organisations.

Several times he served as general secretary of Thakurgaon District Sports Association.

He left behind wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Thakurgaon Deputy Commissioner Miah Abdullah Mamun, district unit Muktiaddha Sanghad Commander Nur Karim and political and social leaders put floral wreaths on the coffin before his second namaz-e-zanaja after the Zohar prayers on Thakurgaon Zila school premises.

Two other namaz-e-zanajas were held -- at Miza Seed Farm of Prannagar village under Birganj upazila in Dinajpur at 10:00am, and at his native village Mirzapur in Atwary upazila in Panchagarh after the Asar prayers.

He was buried with state honour at his family graveyard at Mirzapur.

## Homage paid to Zia Haidar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Pabna Ekushey Book Fair Celebration Committee paid homage to prominent dramatist and educationalist Prof Zia Haidar at a memorial meeting held here Saturday night.

Held at Pabna Press Club auditorium, the meeting was chaired by president of the committee, Sultan Ahmed.

Terming him as a proud son of Pabna, speakers said Zia Haidar did not bent down his head before autocrats.

## REGISTRATION WITH EC

## Offices of 7 parties not found in Khulna, Pabna

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Teams from district election offices have found offices of seven registration seeking political parties as non-existent in Khulna and Pabna districts.

Following an official letter issued on October 14 from the Divisional Election Office, Khulna District Election office conducted a thorough search throughout Khulna city and district, reports our staff correspondent from Khulna.

Only three out of seven 'offices' of political parties could be located in Khulna city and district till Saturday. District Election Officer (DEO) Md Mujibar Rahman.

The DEO said his team failed to locate any office of 'Jatiya Nagorik Party' anywhere in the city and district.

Officials of Jibon Bima Corporation were found working in the office shown as the address of Jatiya Kalyan Party in Khulna city.

'Offices' of newly floated and registered political party 'Samajik Rajnaitik Andolan' were not found anywhere in the

city and district except Phultala upazila.

The team, however, found to their surprise that vegetables were being sold in a room mentioned by the party as its Phultala upazila office.

The team could not locate offices mentioned by another political party named 'Oikkabaddho Nagorik Andolon' in any upazila in the district except the one at Haji Meher Ali Road in the city.

Signboard of BJP district office was found hanging in a house at Diarha village under Rupsha upazila where family of a businessman live.

"We have already submitted a report on our findings to the EC in this regard recommending necessary action," said DEO Mujibar Rahman.

Our Pabna correspondent adds: Election office in Pabna has failed to find offices of 'New Biplobi Workers Party', 'Jatiya Gonatantrik Party' and 'National People's Party' although the three political parties applied for registration with the EC.

"Following instruction from the Election Commission, we

investigated for the upazila level committee and offices of these parties but could not find their offices," said Md Faridul Islam, District Election Officer of Pabna.

In the application submitted for registration, 'New Biplobi Workers Party' informed the EC of their upazila unit committee in Bera upazila under Pabna district and a party office at Jordaha village in Bera upazila under the district. Pabna district election office investigated to verify the matter but they could not find the party office at the mentioned spot.

'Jatiya Gonatantrik Party' informed the EC about their upazila committee in Sujannagar upazila and office at village Sayedpur of the upazila. But the party office was found to be non-existent, officials said.

'National People's Party' informed the EC of their Bera upazila committee and its office but the party office was found to be non-existent.

"We are also investigating about information provided by some other political parties," the district election officer said.

## Punish Shibir cadres, RU BCL demands

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday demanded of the university authorities an exemplary punishment to Shibir cadres for pasting posters on campus walls which portrayed Awami League (AL) and Chhatra League as a terrorist organisations.

BCL demanded this at a protest meeting held in front of the central library. BCL leaders also demanded an immediate ban on Jamaat-Shibir politics on the campus. They also demanded trial of war criminals at speedy trial tribunal.

Shibir activists pasted posters under banner of 'Flash Back October 28, 2006 and Massacre of AL Armed Cadres' by violating emergency powers rules on Friday.

Earlier, a protest procession was brought out on the campus. Processionists paraded different streets on the campus.

## 'Declare Nov 7 a public holiday'

RU JCD demands

RU CORRESPONDENT

Leaders and activists of Rajshahi University (RU) unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday brought out a procession on the campus demanding the National Revolution and Solidarity Day on November 7 a public holiday.

Later, a rally was held at the central library where JCD leaders demanded of the government to declare November 7 as the National Revolution and Solidarity Day. They threatened a tougher agitation against the government if the government does not fulfill their demand immediately.

They also demanded immediate withdraw state of the state of emergency from the country and a free and fair election.

## Woman gets 'death threat' for case against husband

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Reshma Islam, wife of Masudur Rahman Biswas, assistant director of the Ministry of Planning, has alleged death threat by her husband for filing a case against him under Anti-dowry Act.

Reshma Islam said that the death threat came after she had filed a case against him on October 8 with the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Khulna under Anti-dowry Act.

She filed the case against him with the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate on October 8, Khulna against husband Masudur Rahman who had been torturing her for dowry since marriage with her in 2001, she said at a press conference held at Khulna Press Club yesterday morning.

"Masudur Rahman intensified physical torture on me as I expressed inability to fulfil his demand for money to buy an apartment in Dhaka and a new car. He drove me out of his official quarter at Baily Road in Dhaka on October 4," she said.

"Now I am feeling insecure due to death threat from my husband. I want security of life," Reshma said at the press conference.

When contacted, Masudur Rahman denied the allegations and said he had divorced Reshma.

Reshma is the daughter of Sheikh Humayun Kabir of Mohammadnagar in Batiaghata upazila in Khulna district.

## Outlaws distribute posters after DIG's anti-crime meeting in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF), active in south-western region, threw leaflets at several spots including Alampur, Bhadala and Baromile in Kushtia Sadar upazila from passenger buses on Kushtia-Khulna highway Saturday evening.

Baromile is only two kilometres from Baliapara village where the acting Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of police Khulna range recently held an anti-crime meeting attended by superintendents of police of Meherpur, Jhenidah and Chuadanga.

Local people collected around a thousand leaflets from the areas.

Informed by locals, law enforcement agencies including Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) rushed to the area and recovered a large number of computer-composed leaflets.

Addressing 'struggling people of the areas', the leaflets said, "Police is a corrupt institution. It oppresses innocent people and commits inhumane killings in the name of

'crossfire'. The force has failed to achieve confidence of people during the 37 years of independence. Don't believe them or depend on them."

The outlaws' act of propaganda shortly after the anti-crime meeting attended by local police hi-ups has created sensation and panic among people in the area.

Six people including two regional leaders of outlawed GMF were killed in 'crossfire' with law enforcement agencies in the district in last month.

Police suspect that the GMF started the 'propaganda' against police as part of their attempt to avenge the killing their cohorts.

Warning of stern action against the criminals including the outlaw cadres in his district, Kushtia SP Mosleh Uddin Ahmed said, "None will be spared if proved to be involved with acting against law and order."

After the death of GMF's regional leader Abdul Rashid Tikka on July 25, the GMF in a similar move distributed leaflets in some areas of Khoksa upazila in the district in August.

## 3 'outlaws' hurt while making bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Three criminals allegedly belonging to an outlawed party were injured in blasts during making of bombs at remote Jagannathpur village in Daulatpur upazila in the district on Saturday evening.

The injured are Mirza 30, Mirazul 25, and Jahangir 30, of Jagannathpur village in the upazila.

The bombs, which they were making at the house of Mirza, blasted at about 6:00pm leaving the three injured, police said, adding that the three belong to an outlawed party.

Hearing the sound of blast, people from nearby areas rushed to the spot but the injured criminals fled the scene, warning locals not to disclose their names to police, locals said.

Police rushed to the spot and recovered splinters and some bomb making materials and arrested Mirza's wife Anjuara Khatun for interrogation.

Police said the collected ingredients will be sent for test to determine their strength.

## NARAIL-2

## Jamaat hope for ticket is a dream, says BNP leader Khasruzzaman

HOSSAIN SERAJ and TAREK ALAM in Narail

BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami, two main partners of 4-party coalition, are at loggerheads over nomination in Narail-2 (Narail Sadar and Lohagara upazilas) constituency in the coming general election as nomination aspirants from both the parties are in the field now.

Sharif Khasruzzaman who won the seat in 1991 and 1996 polls as an Awami League (AL) candidate was however nominated from 4-party alliance in the planned election of January 22, 2007 that was cancelled. He joined BNP as Islami Oikyo Jote (IOJ) central leader Mufti Shahidul Islam was nominated from the seat as grand alliance candidate.

This time, district Ameer (chief) of Jamaat Mawlana Nurunnabi Jehadi has already started campaign, raising tension among BNP men, sources said.

Talking to The Daily Star, Nurunnabi Jehadi claimed that they were demanding their candidature in the constituency according to their party decision.

He however accused Sharif Khasruzzaman for his alleged

'controversial role and anti-alliance comments' after 1/11.

"After 1/11, Khasruzzaman was not only absent from the area but also made comments in different talk shows on television channels which went against 4-party alliance and were indecent for the coalition", Nurunnabi claimed.

Pointing finger at Narail district BNP secretary Abdul Kader Shikder, Nurunnabi further said, "Jamaat has taken decision to seek nomination from the constituency as we are enjoying supports of top BNP leaders in the area."

Expressing his displeasure at Nurunnabi's comments, Khasruzzaman boldly said, "Not only Jehadi, expectation for nomination from Narail-2 is a dream for any Jamaat leader. He himself lost to me in 1991 and 1996 polls with margin of 27,532 and 41,820 votes respectively."

"This time, if the high command is forced to choose Nurunnabi Jehadi in the constituency, we will not have to wait for the polls day to know the result because Jamaat's organisational structure is weaker than before and majority of BNP activists will

boycott him", he claimed.

Khasruzzaman however admitted that a BNP faction is supporting Jamaat's candidature.

Contacted, denying his support to Jamaat, Abdul Kader Shikder said, "We can not support any candidate of BNP or Jamaat until the nomination is finalised by the central high command."

Political insiders said Narail-2 constituency is a stronghold of AL and Sharif Khasruzzaman was elected twice from the constituency as an AL candidate.

But in 2001 polls, AL chief Sheikh Hasina ran in the constituency and was also elected by defeating IOJ leader Mufti Shahidul Islam.

However, Mufti Shahidul Islam was nominated from the AL-led grand alliance in the postponed election of January 22 after AL signed a much controversial memo with Khelafat Majlish (KM) making Khasruzzaman very much aggrieved. He instantly joined BNP and secured nomination from 4-party alliance.

After 1/11, Mufti Shahidul Islam surrendered to joint forces following several raids on his residence. He is convicted for ill-gotten wealth and is in jail now.



PHOTO: STAR

Ganotantrik Bam Morcha forms a human chain in front of Shahjadpur Press Club yesterday demanding re-installation of Lalou sculpture near Zia International Airport in the capital.

## BNP faction boycotts 'reformist' leader's meeting in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Leaders and activists of a faction of BNP boycotted a meeting of its Chatmohar upazila unit held at the residence of its unit president

and former lawmaker KM Anwarul Islam, elected from Pabna-3 constituency on Saturday.

Pabna district unit president of BNP Sirajul Islam Sardar was pres-

ent as chief guest while it was attended, among others, by upazila BNP leaders Belur Rahman, Abdul Aziz, Abdur Rahim Kalu, Md. Jakaria, Rabiul Karim.

The boycotting leaders said they boycotted the meeting because its convener Anwarul Islam was a reformist.

A large number of BNP leaders did not attend the meeting. "We did not attend the meeting because former member of parliament (MP) Anwar was a reformist, said Md Abdul Mannan, mayor of Chatmohar municipality and president of the party's Chatmohar Paurasabha unit. Most of the chairman of Union Parishads also boycotted the meeting, he said. Another prominent BNP leader Monjur Rahman, also president of Pabna Samity in Dhaka boycotted the meeting.

When contacted, former MP Anwar refuted the allegations brought against him. "The allegation against me is not true because there is no reformist now," he said.



PHOTO: STAR

Caught by BDR on Paba border in Rajshahi yesterday, a snake charmer displays one of the 100 venomous snakes smuggled from India.

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