

BNP-Jamaat rift weakens 4-party prospect in Satkhira

Local BNP firm on partymen's nomination in 3 former Jamaat seats

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira
BNP-led four-party alliance partner Jamaat-e-Islami is finding it tough to retain the three constituencies in Satkhira district that they won in 2001 as local BNP leaders are demanding nomination of partymen there for the upcoming parliamentary election.

In 1996, AL won in Satkhira-1, Satkhira-3 and Satkhira-5 while Jamaat won in Satkhira-2 and Jatiya Party (Ershad) won in Satkhira-3 constituency.

Several front ranking local BNP leaders said BNP leaders and activists are unhappy with former Jamaat lawmaker Abdul Khaleque Mondal, Riasat Ali and Gazi Nazrul Islam as they allegedly ignored BNP men during their tenure.

Amid mounting pressure from local BNP leaders and activists, former minister Syeda Asia Foyez, Satkhira district BNP member secretary Samsuzzoha Bablu and BNP leader and former Satkhira pourasava mayor Abdul Jalil have started election campaign seeking four-party alliance ticket to contest in the upcoming election from Satkhira-2 constituency, party sources said.

Former BNP lawmaker Principal Ali Ahmed, former Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Saiful Islam Shahed, Dab central leader Dr Shahidul Alam, Assassuni upazila BNP convenor Rafiqul Islam and an influential BNP leader advocate Barun Biswas are campaigning for alliance ticket from Satkhira-3, party sources said.

Former Satkhira district

Riasat Ali Biswas and Gazi Nazrul Islam, who contested as alliance candidates won in Satkhira-2, Satkhira-3 and Satkhira-5 constituencies defeating Awami League (AL) candidates. Alliance partners BNP and BJP won in Satkhira-1 and Satkhira-3 constituencies.

In 2001 elections, there were five constituencies - Satkhira-1 (Tala-Kalaroa), Satkhira-2 (Sadar), Satkhira-3 (Assassuni and Debhata upazilas and four unions in Kaliganj upazila) and Satkhira-4 (Shyamnagar upazila and four unions in Kaliganj upazila).

Feud in the rank and file of BNP and Jamaat over nomination and difference between the local leaders and activists of BNP and Jamaat in Satkhira-2, Satkhira-3 and Satkhira-4 constituencies seem to make bleak Jamaat's prospect for winning the seats.

In 2001 elections, Jamaat leaders Maulana Abdul Khaleque Mondal, Maulana



Abdul Khaleque



Riasat Ali Biswas



Gazi Nazrul Islam



Razia Foyez



Iftekhar Ali



Ali Ahmed

BNP general secretary advocate Syed Iftekhar Ali and Shyamnagar upazila BNP convenor Abdul Wahed have started election campaign seeking alliance ticket in Satkhira-4.

Several BNP leaders claimed that Jamaat leader Abdul Khaleque Mondal and Riasat Ali were elected from Satkhira-2 and Satkhira-3 seats with BNP votes in 2001.

When contacted, Principal Ali Ahmed, Dr Shahidul Alam, advocate Syed Iftekhar Ali, Samsuzzoha Bablu and Rafiqul Islam said they submitted nomination papers following pressure from the party men and assurance from party high ups.

They said the Jamaat lawmakers failed to fulfill their pre-election pledges and did very little development work

in the constituency, much to the damage of the image of four-party alliance.

Meanwhile BNP leaders and activists in Shyamnagar are opposing possible nomination of former Jamaat lawmaker Gazi Nazrul Islam as an alliance candidate for Satkhira-4 constituency.

"Gazi Nazrul won the last election with BNP votes. This time it will be hard to convince BNP men to vote for him as he created rift between BNP and Jamaat," Shyamnagar upazila BNP convenor Abdul Wahed said.

When contacted separately, Maulana Abdul Khaleque, Maulana Riasat Ali and Gazi Nazrul Islam refuted the allegations by BNP men and said they are trying to work with BNP to retain the seats as the alliance high ups assured them of nomination.

BNP leader 'defects', AL nominee 'unwanted' in Jhenidah-2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

In a dramatic move after failing to get BNP nomination from Jhenidah-2, BNP leader Naser Sahriar Jahedi Mohul announced his intention to join Awami League (AL).

At a press conference held at his office on Wednesday night, he said a large number of BNP leaders and activists would follow him.

Meanwhile, AL leaders and activists, at another press conference held here the same night declared party-nominated candidate Shafiqul Islam Apu (Jhenidah-2) unwanted.

Pourasaha AL president Dr Azizur Rahman, district Sramik league general secretary Ekramul Haq, district Jubo League president Naser Alam Siddique Uzzal, district Svecchasebok League convener Ahadur Rahman, AL leader Khaleda Khanam, district Chhatra League president Ashfaq Mahmud John and secretary Atikul Hasan Masum were present at the press conference.

AL nominated Apu discarding the name of prominent party leader Nur-e-Alam Siddique sent by the grassroots leaders to party central office in Dhaka on November 9. Grass roots activists said AL will lose the seat if the nomination is not changed.

Pirates kidnap 32 fishermen in 4 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Pirates kidnapped 10 fishermen from Marabhola forest outpost ferry ghat under Sharankhola range under the East wing of Sundarbans Forest Division on Thursday evening.

As the victims were preparing to go for fishing in the Bay of Bengal, the pirates belonging to notorious Zulfikar Bahini of the Sundarbans kidnapped them and later demanded Tk 20,000 for release of each of the victims, said sources at Sundarbans Forest Division.

The pirates also attacked forest guards at Marabhola forest outpost, they added.

Earlier on Monday night, pirates belonging to notorious Raju Bahini kidnapped 22 fishermen from Dublar Char adjacent to the Bay.

They demanded Tk 5,000 for release of each fisherman.

RU ADMISSION

7 arrested for selling fake question

RU CORRESPONDENT

Seven youths including a few students of Rajshahi University (RU) have been arrested in connection with selling fake question papers and taking money upon promise to ensure admission to the university.

General students captured two youths in front of the Central Shaheed Minar as they were collecting money from the admission seekers promising sure admission at the Law and Justice Department on Thursday.

The youths are Nabiudola, an agriculture diploma student of Nature and Mezbahul Haque, a student of Khulna Azam Khan Commerce College. Later, they were handed over to police.

After their confession, police raided several houses in different parts of the city and arrested five other youths for their involvement in selling fake admission question papers and giving proxy for other students.

They arrestees are Tarek Hassan Porosh, Tarek Mahmud, both third year students of Law and Justice Department, Humayun Kabir Mithun, a second year student of the same department, his wife Chaiti, also an applicant and Tawhid Ahmed, a fourth year student of Rajshahi Medical College.

Police also recovered 50 admit cards, 30 blank admission forms, 120 rubber stamps of various departments, test papers, question papers, photos of admission seekers and a large quantity of hemp from their possession.

Legal action will be taken against them, Proctor Enamul Haque said.

Jamaat leader assaulted at Gopalganj college

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Agitated students of Gopalganj Government Bangabandhu College have assaulted the district ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, Ajmal Hossain, protesting his presence at the college where politics of Jamaat is prohibited, college sources said.

The incident occurred yesterday when Ajmal, also principal of local MH Khan College came to the college to open the Inter-District Sports Competition as chief guest.

Students tore the panjabi of the Jamaat leader and assaulted him. They also ransacked the chairs and tables on the dais foiling the function.

Police arrested former general secretary of the college students' union, Ibrahim Khalil, who was being interrogated at Sadar Police Station till filing of the report yesterday afternoon.

Denying his involvement in the incident, Khalil said the incident occurred as no student or any student organisation accepted easily the invitation of Jamaat leader at the college function as the chief guest. This is because the politics of Jamaat is prohibited in the college, he said.

Bangabandhu college vice principal MA Hye who was presiding the function held outsiders responsible for the incident. Ajmal was invited at the function principal of MH College, not as Jamaat ameer,

he said. After the incident, teachers' council held an emergency meeting from where the matter was informed to the district administration and superintendent of police.

When contacted, Gopalganj Sadar Police Station officer-in-charge (OC) Asheque Suja Mamun confirmed arrest of former students union leader Ibrahim Khalil.

However, the college authorities did not file any case or lodged any complaint in this regard.

Terosee massacre day today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Today is Terosee massacre day.

On this day in 1971, Pakistani occupation army in collaboration with Rajakars, Al-Badar and Al-Sams killed 43 people including the 'Jamindar' of Terosee state and principal of Terosee college at Terosee village in Ghior upazila.

'Martyrs Memorial Committee' has chalked out a befitting programme at Terosee college to mark the day. Programmes include discussion, mourning procession, wearing of black badge and placing of wreaths at the graves of martyrs.

BAN ON DHUMKETU RU cultural activists wear black badges from today

RU CORRESPONDENT

Different political, cultural and student organisations strongly criticised the Rajshahi University (RU) authorities for banning activities of Dhumketu Natya Sangsad, a theatre group, under pressure of Islami Chhatra Shibir yesterday.

Cultural activists held a protest meeting at the Chhatra Union tent. They decided to wear black badges on the campus from today. They will also organise streets drama for the admission seekers.

They demanded immediate resignation of proctor Enamul Haque for patronising Shibir.

They also demanded exemplary punishment to Shibir cadres who threatened Udichi general secretary Abu Sayem to death and harassed its activist Hosne Ara Farzana recently.

They urged all progressive student organisation to get united to launch a tougher agitation against the fundamentalist forces in near future.

Foreign fertiliser, arms, fake revenue stamps seized, 2 held

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in separate drives in last two days seized huge amount of Indian chemical fertiliser, foreign firearms, fake revenue stamps and phensidyl from Joypurhat, Naogaon, Rangpur, and Rajshahi districts yesterday and Thursday.

The also arrested two persons including an arms trader.

Rab yesterday seized 28 bags of Indian potash fertilizer worth about Tk 1,20,000 from Pochar Bazar in Pachbibbi upazila under Joypurhat district.

On Thursday, Rab seized foreign fire-

arms, bullets, fake revenue stamps and phensidyl from Naogaon, Rangpur, Joypurhat and Rajshahi districts.

Rangpur Rab recovered fake revenue stamps worth Tk 1,84,800 from a shop near Rangpur Medical College and arrested Sajib Anwar, 26, of Shahipara of Rangpur district.

The same team seized an Italian pistol, a magazine and six bullets from Januban village Joypurhat Rab recovered a foreign pistol and five bullets from Dhanantara village under Naogaon district and arrested Aatur Rahman, 40, of the village.

Rajshahi Rab seized 20 bags of Indian fertilizer worth about Tk 60,000 from

Hatibandha village under Godagari upazila in Rajshahi.

The two arrestees and seized items were handed over to the concerned police stations, Rab said.

Our Chapainawabganj Correspondent adds:

Rab arrested a man with six bombs at Charjotprotap of Chapainawabganj municipality yesterday noon.

The arrestee, Tajemul Islam, 38, of Chamagram village under Baroghoria union of Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila, was handed over to Sadar Police Station, police said.

গুঁড়োদুধ ও শিশুখাদ্যে মেলামিনের উপস্থিতি সম্পর্কিত প্রতিবেদন

চীনে উৎপাদিত ও (তিন)টি শিশু দুগ্ধবান্দ্যসহ মোট ৮(আট)টি গুঁড়ো দুধের নমুনা ৬ (ছয়)টি ল্যাবরেটরীতে যথা প্রাজমা প্রাস, বিএসআইআই, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রসায়ন বিভাগ, পরমাণু শক্তি কমিশন, বিসিএসআইআর এবং FAO এর মাধ্যমে ঝাইল্যান্ডের Department of Medical Science এর ল্যাবরেটরীতে পরীক্ষা করা হয়। উক্ত ৬ (ছয়)টি ল্যাবরেটরীর রিপোর্ট অনুযায়ী ৮(আট)টি ব্র্যান্ডের গুঁড়ো দুধে মেলামিন পরীক্ষার ফলাফল নিম্নরূপ:

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		প্রাজমা প্রাস ল্যাবরেটরী	বিএসআইআই এর ল্যাবরেটরী	ঢাকা বিশ্ব বিদ্যালয়ের রসায়ন বিভাগের ল্যাবরেটরী	পরমাণু শক্তি কমিশনের ল্যাবরেটরী	বিসিএসআইআর এর ল্যাবরেটরী		
১	ইয়াশপী-১, চীন	72.77	86.02	280	175.2	115	67.33	
২	ইয়াশপী-২, চীন	* <MDL	Not detectable by GC-MS	290	172.0	** < 0.025	Less than 0.20	
৩	সুইট বেরী-২, চীন	<MDL	Not detectable by GC-MS	140	330.4	< 0.025	0.28	
৪	নিডো ফর্টিফাইড ইনস্ট্যান্ট, নিউজিল্যান্ড	<MDL	Not detectable by GC-MS	450	171.3	< 0.025	Not detected	
৫	ওয়ালিনস্কীম মিষ্ক পাউডার, নিউজিল্যান্ড	<MDL	Not detectable by GC-MS	200	478.3	< 0.025	Not detected	
৬	বেভ কাউ ফুল ক্রিম মিষ্ক পাউডার, অস্ট্রেলিয়া	<MDL	Not detectable by GC-MS	230	*** BDL	< 0.025	Not detected	
৭	ভিপ্রোমা ফুল ক্রিম মিষ্ক পাউডার, অস্ট্রেলিয়া	<MDL	Not detectable by GC-MS	300	287.4	< 0.025	Not detected	
৮	ডানো ফুল ক্রিম মিষ্ক পাউডার, ডেনমার্ক	<MDL	Not detectable by GC-MS	40	7.4	< 0.025	Not detected	

* <MDL = Less than Method detection Limit: 1.5mg/kg.
** <0.025 = Less than detection limit i.e. Not Detected; Detection limit: 0.025, Tested by LC-MS/MS
*** BDL = Below detection limit.

মহামান্য আদালত (সুপ্রীম কোর্ট, অ্যাপিলেট ডিভিশন) সার্বিক বিষয় বিবেচনা করে উপরোক্ত ৮টি ব্র্যান্ডের গুঁড়োদুধের মধ্যে ৫টি ব্র্যান্ডের (ডানো, নিডো ফর্টিফাইড, এনলিন, ভিপ্রোমা, বেভকাউ) গুঁড়োদুধ বিক্রয় ও প্রদর্শনার বিষয়ে প্রদত্ত নিষেধাজ্ঞা আগামী ৩রা জানুয়ারী ২০০৯ পর্যন্ত প্রত্যাহার করেছেন। মাননীয় আদালতের নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী ৩১-১২-২০০৮ তারিখের মধ্যে উক্ত পাঁচটি গুঁড়োদুধের নমুনা পুনরায় পরীক্ষা করে মাননীয় আদালতের রিপোর্ট দাখিল করতে হবে। বাকি তিনটি দুগ্ধজাত শিশুখাদ্যের উপর (ইয়াশপী-১, ইয়াশপী-২ ও সুইটবেরী-২) এ নিষেধাজ্ঞা বলবৎ থাকবে।

মাননীয় আদালতের নির্দেশনা মোতাবেক গুঁড়োদুধ ও শিশু দুগ্ধজাত খাদ্যে মেলামিন প্রাপ্তি সম্পর্কিত এ তথ্য সংবাদপত্রের মাধ্যমে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য প্রকাশ করা হলো।

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বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যান্ডার্ডস এন্ড টেস্টিং ইন্সটিটিউশন

Adolescent Girls From Rural Bangladesh Won the Hearts of Norwegian Students

Stromme Foundation

Stromme Foundation in Bangladesh had sent 18 adolescent girls to Norway from different villages through its seven partner NGOs in Bangladesh.



In the 15 days' stay in Norway the girls visited 230 schools and colleges. They shared with approximately 35 thousand Norwegian students, their life experience and the change in their life by the "Shonglap Program". The team of the 18 girls went to Norway on 15 October and returned Dhaka on 03 November.

Stromme Foundation Bangladesh and its Partner Organizations with technical support from Interaction (a research and training institution) developed the "Shonglap Program" for the adolescent girls who have dropped out or have not attended school at all. The one-year program is aimed at awareness and confidence building of these school dropout girls, give them occupational training and provide a small fund to start an income generating activity, so that they could be self-reliant after the one-year course. Stromme Foundation has supported 16,000 adolescent girls since starting in 2006 and 50% of them have already found employment or engaged in their own enterprise.

The program within the last two years has attracted and grown interest among different development organizations. Operation Day's Work (ODW), a students' organization in Norway visited the program, and highly appreciated seeing the change and confidence among the girls who have participated in Shonglap; and they have agreed to support the program. ODW organized a fundraising campaign all over Norway. In the campaign the girls explained to the Norwegian students how Shonglap helped them and how they started dreaming once again for a new life with dignity and respect, with right to take decision in their own lives; the dream that they had lost after being out of schools. The campaign received huge coverage by all electronic and printed media in Norway.

On 30 October students of all Norwegian secondary schools and colleges worked for one day. The income earned from the day's labor the students will contribute to the Shonglap Program. It is planned that with this contribution about one hundred thousand girls will be able to participate in Shonglap Program in the next five years.

Prior to leaving for Norway the girls were asked what did they'd wish to bring back from Norway and one of the girls responded that, "We will bring the hearts of the Norwegians." Information received from the organizers of the campaign in Norway report that the girls have been successful to win the hearts and minds of the students.

Stromme Foundation is a Norwegian Development Organization that works with the mission to eradicate poverty. It currently works in 17 developing countries and provides financial and technical support to local NGOs for humanitarian development projects. Stromme Foundation has its Asia Regional office in Sri Lanka. It opened its office in Bangladesh in 1990. Currently it supports 13 projects through 9 NGOs in Bangladesh. In Bangladesh Stromme supports projects for formal and non-formal primary education, empowering and building skills among young people, mobilization of community institution and microfinance management.