Grassroots AL oppose fielding Ticket . 'unpopular' men in 7 JS seats in Barisal division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Awami League (AL) grassroots leaders and activists have demanded that party high command cancel nomination in seven constituencies in Barisal division.

The constituencies are Barisal-1 (Gouranadi-Agoiljhara upazila), and Barisal-2 (Uzirpur-Banaripara), Barisal-5 (Barisal city and Sadar upazila), Barisal-6 (Bakerganj), Patuakhali-3 (Galachipa-Dasmina), Jhalakati-1 (Rajapur-Kathalia), Pirojpur-2 (Rajapur-Swarupkathi).

Candidates in those constituencies were given nomination through ignoring the lists of aspirants selected by grassroots leaders, they said.

Grassroots Awami League leaders of those constituencies expressed reaction over nomination of candidates, saying that the party high command fielded candidates ignoring their suggestions and depriving dedicated and acceptable leaders.

BARISAL AL leaders of Barisal-1 (Gouranadi-Agoiljhara upazila) and Barisal-2 (Uzirpur-Banaripara) constituencies said Abul Hasanat Abdullah has been selected for the two constituencies as AL candidate ignoring opinion of grassroots leaders.

The grassroots leaders proposed nomination of district AL office secretary advocate Talukdar Md Yunus for Barisal-1

2 outlaws

Sirajganj

upazila yesterday.

arrested in

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Police arrested two fugitive

members of the outlawed

Purba Banglar Communist

Party (PBCP) at Jhotibari

village in Kamarkhanda

Quddus, 28, and Mohammad

Mostafa, 34. They are accused

in several criminal cases

including one for murder.

Both are mastermind of sensi-

tive Saiful murder, assistant

superintendent of police of

confessed to their involve-

ment in the murder. They also

narrated how they killed

Saifur.

On interrogation, they

Raiganj circle Ayub Ali said.

The arrestees are Abdul

and former JP lawmaker Manirul Islam Moni, a newcomer in AL, for Barisal-2.

Veteran and dedicated AL leaders like Habibur Rahman Khan, Shahe Alam, Syed Mainul Huq, were also in the list, grassroots leaders said.

Hasanat who remained absconding since one-eleven, has been convicted in four corruption cases. He also failed to get his name included in the new voter list.

For Barisal-5, the constituency including the divisional city and Sadar upazila, Col Zahid Faruk (rtd) was selected as candidate although grassroots level AL leaders suggested nomination of only Mahabubuddin Bir Bikram for this constituency.

That decision not only ignored, but also was nomination was given to such a person who is totally unknown in the constituency and even has no primary membership of the party.

A large section of AL activists and supporters in Barisal-6 (Bakerganj) constituency are unhappy over naming of Brig Gen Hafiz Mallik for Barisal-6.

The central AL leaders neglected leading nomination aspirants veteran AL leaders like former AL lawmaker Masud Reza, businessman Shamsul Alam Chunnu, Khan Altaf Hossain Bhulu, the local leaders alleged. PATUAKHALI-3

Grassroots leaders and activists of AL in Galachipa unit tendered resignation en masse protesting the nomination of

Golam Moula Roni.

The local AL at a meeting on November 8 selected party central leader and former state minister AKM Jahangir Hossain as party candidate from Patuakhali-3 (Galachipa-Dasmina).

JHALAKATI-1 Local AL activists rejected nomination of businessman BH Harun in Jhalakati-1 (Rajapur-Kathalia) as the grassroots AL men at a meeting on November 8 selected party central leader and former lawmaker Mahe Alam as party candidate from Jhalakati-1. AL nominated BH Harun, however, told journalists that protest against the deci-

violation of party discipline. PIROJPUR-2

Nomination of Sheikh Habibur Rahman former additional secretary, for Pirojpur-2. has caused dissatisfaction among local AL activists.

sion of central AL would be considered as

They termed him as a new comer in the party and unknown in the constitu-

BARGUNA-1

Local AL activists have expressed dissatisfaction over nomination of Dhirendra Devnath Shamvu for Barguna-1 instead of AL leader former lawmaker Delwar Hossain, who won in past election as a 'rebel independent candidate' and later rejoined AL.

480 of 811 polling centres in Bogra district risky

STAFFC ORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Bogra district election office declared 480 of the 811 polling centres in seven constituencies in the district as risky for the upcoming general election.

Bogra district police find 502 risky polling centres out of 828 centres in 12 upazilas in the district for the next upazila election.

The risky polling centres in the district for parliament and upazila elections stands at ,60.63 percent and 59.19 percent respectively.

District election officials said the highly risky polling centres have been identified in Bogra-5 constituency (Dhunat-Sherpur) has the highest 92 (out of 146) risky polling centres while 50 of them are highly risky, election office sources said.

Bogra district police officials yesterday told The Daily Star that local administration has decided to ensure additional armed forces for the risky polling centres for the next parliament and upazila elections.

Eleven members of law enforcers will be deployed in each of 331 normal polling centres for the general election. The same number of law enforcers will be deployed for the next upazila elections in 326 polling centres in 12 upazilas of the district.

25 shops gutted in Panchagarh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

At least 25 shops were gutted in a devastating fire that broke out at Tepokharia Bazar in Boda upazila in Panchagarh yesterday afternoon.

The fire originated from a hotel, Fire Brigade sources and locals said. Soon it engulfed the adjacent shops.

On information, fire fighters from Panchagarh rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control after one and a half hours' franticeffortwith the help of locals.

Property worth about Tk 50 lakh was destroyed, shop owners claimed.

Boda Police Station officerin-charge confirmed the incident saying he had visited the spot along with the local Union Parisad (UP) chairman.

deprived AL man to vie as 'independent' OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhart

Khagrachhari district Awami League (AL) secretary Mohammad Zahidul Alam yesterday declared his candidature as an independent candidate.

He declared this at a view exchange meeting held with the grassroots leaders at his residence here. He also said he would submithis nomination today.

With his announcement, party-nominated candidate Jotindra Lal Tripura, also president of district AL has been cornered totally.

Criticising the AL decision, Alam said Jotindra Lal was nominated under pressure of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), British and Indian high commissions. Jotindra has no popularity in his own constituency as well as his own community, he said. Citing an example, he said Jotindra had contested for the chief post of Bangladesh Tripura Kalayan Sangsad (The highest post of Tripura ethnic community) on May 23 where he got 28 votes only. In the primary nomination race, he got 30 out of 132 votes while Alam bagged the highest 79 votes.

District AL leaders Samir Datta Chakma, Advocate Abdul Momin, Jubo League leader Rafiqul Alam, Chattra League leader Didarul Alam and hundreds of supporters were present at the meeting.

KHDC Chairman Monindra wants 4-party alliance ticket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) chairman Monindra Lal Tripura yesterday expressed his intention to contest the upcoming polls with BNP led-4 party alliance ticket.

He announced this at a press conference held at his Kadamtali residencehere. Hesaidhewould give the seat to BNP as a gift if the party high command nominates him. He sought support of party leaders and activists at the grassroots level.

he urged a neutral investigation through formation of a neutral judicial inquiry committee. The investigation conducted by police might be influenced by their high officials, he feared. Terming his arrest 'politically motivated', he expressed his determination to face rivals politically.

Monindra Lal Tripura was arrested in Dhaka on October 31 for his alleged involvement in murder of former KHDC councilor Anupom Tripura. He was granted bail by the district judge court on November 16. He was released from Dhaka Central Jail on November 19.

2 killed in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Two persons were killed in separate incidents in Puthia and Godagari upazilas yesterday.

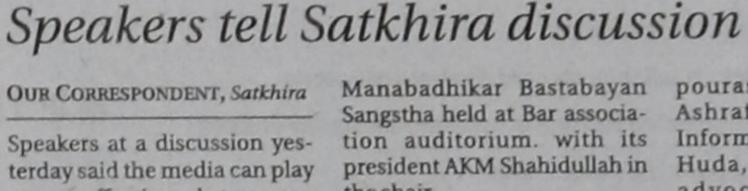
The victims are Shariful Islam, 38 of Kadma village in Godagari upazila and rickshaw van puller Taslim Uddin, 35 of Gondogohali village in Puthia upazila.

Unidentified criminals broke open the door of Shariful's house and hacked him to death, police said.

Police recovered body of rickshaw van puller Taslim from a roadside ditch. He was missing since Friday.

torture and his hands and legs were tied with ropes.

The body bore marks of



Left undistributed for around a year, relief materials meant for Sidr victims got damaged in a room of

Media can play more effective

the chair. a more effective role to ensure a free and fair election by unveiling the misdeeds of musclemen and black money They urged the political

role for free, fair polls

Dumki Upazila Complex building in Patuakhali.

parties not to nominate the musclemen and black money holders to contest in the upcoming parliamentary and upazila polls for the interest of the people and also for institutionalize democracy. The discussion on "A free and fair polls can be ensured

holders.

freeing musclemen and black money holders by publishing neutral and objective news" organised by Satkhira district

Manabadhikar Bastabayan pourasava Mayor Sheikh Sangstha held at Bar associa- Ashraful Haque, District

The musclemen and black ence politics as their aim is to earn money through corrupt means by using political

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District Awami League General Secretary Nazrul Journalists through their islam, district BNP Member Secretary Samsuzzoha Ahmed, Kalyan Bannerjee, Kamruzzaman, NGO activ-Satkhira Superintendent of ists Madhab Duttanando chapter of Bangladesh chief guest while Satkhira addressed, among others.

Hakaluki haor getting back Regarding his earlier arrest, bio-diversity OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Hakaluki Haor, one of the largest wetlands in the country, is getting back its biodiversity following various programmes implemented by the Department of Environment (DoE). The haor spreading over

Kulaura, Juri, and Baralekha upazilas under Moulvibazar district and Fenchuganj and Golapganj upazilas under Sylhet district contains 235 small or large water bodies covering 45 thousand acres of wetland, was declared as ecologically critical area few years ago.

Now with the growth of native aquatic plants and shrubs like koroch, borun, makna, singrai, shaluk (waterlily) etc, fishes, birds, wildlife are appearing in larger numbers, adding to the biodiversity in the wetland.

According to local people of haor bank, DoE and NGOs working there that once upon a time,

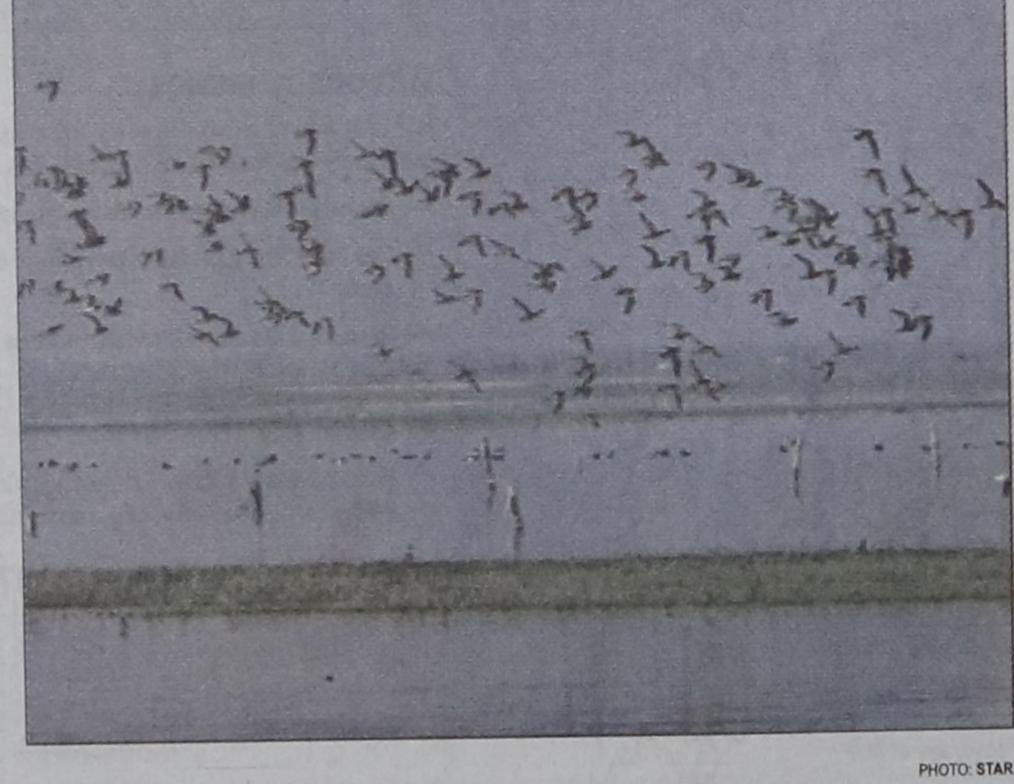
With abundance of a large number of native plants and shrubs like koroch, hizol, borun, and zarul, makna, shaluk (Water lily), and singrai, Hakaluki haor area was once safe shelter to wildlife including birds, fishing cats, deer and other animals.

But due to massive destruction of these plants to use them as firewood and damage to the aquatic plants and shrubs by drying up the haor beds for fishing, wildlife in Hakaluki became threatened.

The Department of Environment (DoE) in 1999 declared the Hakaluki Haor as 'ecologically critical area'.

The DoE took up various programmes to protect and preserve this haor while several non-government organizations (NGOs) started working there to achieve this

With bio-diversity of the haor returning to its original scene, nearly extinguished



With bio-diversity returning to Hakaluki Haor, the country's largest wetland is now teeming with birds, thanks to the initiative of Department of Environment and several NGOs.

seen at Malam-beel, Joyabeel, Chatla-beel, Fut-beel, Kalapani and Hawa-beel of the haor. They also added that they had seen sufficient makna plant (a specie of aquatic native shrubs) in the Chatla-beel, Fut-beel and Kalapani area of the haor in last year. Besides, floating aquatic shrubs like shaluk, hatir-kan, singrai etc are increasing.

DoE started programme in Hakaluki haor under 'The Coastal and Wetland Biodiversity management Project' (CWBMP) in 2005, sources at DoE office at Kulaura said.

Earlier NGO Sustainable Environmental Management Project had worked there for five years. "Native aquatic shrub

makna was near extinction in

shrubs appeared in 2007. Sixty thousand saplings of koroch and hizol plants have been created on 1800 acres of haor land and 60 guards have been appointed to look after them," Abdul Malik, horticulture extension officer of the DoE NGOs Center for Natural Resource Study and Center for Sustainable Development are

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programmes with financial upazilasaid. and technical assistance of the DoE, he said, adding that if ple will have to take responsithis programme continues for bility to protect biodiversity in five to ten years more, Hakaluki haor will go get back its past scene.

grow naturally. But their massive use as firewood by locals Officer of the Ecological caused much damage to these Critical Aleasaid.

aquatic plants like hizal, this haor. As we spread seeds resources in the haor. Besides karach, and borun trees are of the shrubs in the haor in fishing by leaseholders caused much damage to snails, shaluks (water-lily) and makna shrubs in the water bodies. Now gardens of hizol, borun and koroch plants have been created and we are working to create awareness among local people. Due to increasing of bio-diversity in the haor, number of fishing cats and other wild animals has also increased," Emdad Hussain, Knowledge Management Officer of the implementing the CNRS working at Barolekha "Ultimately the local peo-

the haor under a long-term planning," Mohammed Shibli, assistant director of Coastal "Aquatic plants and shrubs and Wetland Bio-diversity Project and the Managing



Party rivals in Sreepur upazila Awami League observe a four-hour hunger strike yesterday protesting former lawmaker MS Akbar's nomination for Magura-1 constituency.

Rift in 4-party alliance in Pabna as Jamaat demands 3 seats

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The rift between four-party alliance partners BNP and Jamaat in Pabna district is widening as Jamaat wants alliance tickets in three seats for the upcoming parliament election.

Jamaat won two of the five seats in 2001 parliament election. Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami won from Pabna-1 (Bera-Santhia) and Jamaat leader Abdus Subhan won Pabna-5 (Pabna Sadar).

As Jamaat is demanding ticket in Pabna-4 (Ishwardi-Atghoria) constituency this time Pabna district unit Jamaat Secretary Abu Taleb Mondol has started mass contact in the area.

We demand Pabna-1, Pabna-5 and Pabna- 5 (Sadar) constituency.

4 constituencies area this year. But the allocation of tickets will be decided by four-party alliance central committee," said Md Abdur Rahim, Ameer of Pabna district Jamaat.

Meanwhile BNP leaders said they have sent names of six BNP leaders to the central committee with proposal for nominating candidates in three constituencies from them.

They are Pabna district BNP President Sirajul Islam Sardar and central BNP leader Habibur Rahman Habib in Pabna-4, Saiful Azam Suja, advocate Shafiqur Rahman and KM Anwarul Islam in Pabna-3 and Salim Reza

Habib in Pabna-2 constituency. Several BNP leaders said local BNP is also demanding a party man as candidate in Pabna-

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