Hill cutting rampant again in Khagrachhari

Environmentalists warn movement against perpetrators

JASIM MAJUMDER. Khagrachhari

Hill cutting in eight upazilas in Khagrachhari hill district continues in the name of development work, making houses and business centres ignoring existing environmental laws and defying ban by Department of Environment (DoE).

After remaining stopped for the first several months of last year due to the strict restriction imposed by district administration and DoE, hill cutting has resumed recently, much to the worry of environmentalists and conscious citizens.

The unscrupulous act adds to the threat of devastating hill slides for people who built their houses, business centres and other structures cutting the natural hills and without any environment-friendly plan, sources said.

Divisional Forest Office and District Agriculture Extension Office sources said, despite a government ban, illegal hill cutting started again in different parts of Khagrachhari district posing serious threat to lives, natural environment and biodiversity in the area.

Taking illegal help from government officials, groups of influential people including a section of dishonest traders are involved in illegal hill cutting, sources said.

Local environment activists and journalists filed several general diaries with different police stations in Khagrachhari hill district in regard to hill cutting but no major initiative by the admin-

Mother, son in

UZ polls race

in Kurigram

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Presence of a mother and her son

in the election race has created

much enthusiasm among local

Sarder, wife of late Abdur Rab

Sardar, a former upazila chair-

man of Ulipur during Ershad's

regime. She is the lone female

candidate in all nine upazilas of

is rickshaw'.

she said.

chairman.

the district. Her election symbol

Her son is Rakibul Hasan

When contacted, Shahanaj

Sardar whose election symbol is

'wheel'. Both of them are vying

for chairmanship of the upazila.

said that she would work for

alleviation of poverty by creating

jobs for poor people. Her late

husband is an inspiration for her,

Hasan said he would uphold the

prestige of her father by serving

also contesting for the post of

Four other candidates are

people in the upazila.

বিভাগ/ মন্ত্ৰনালয়

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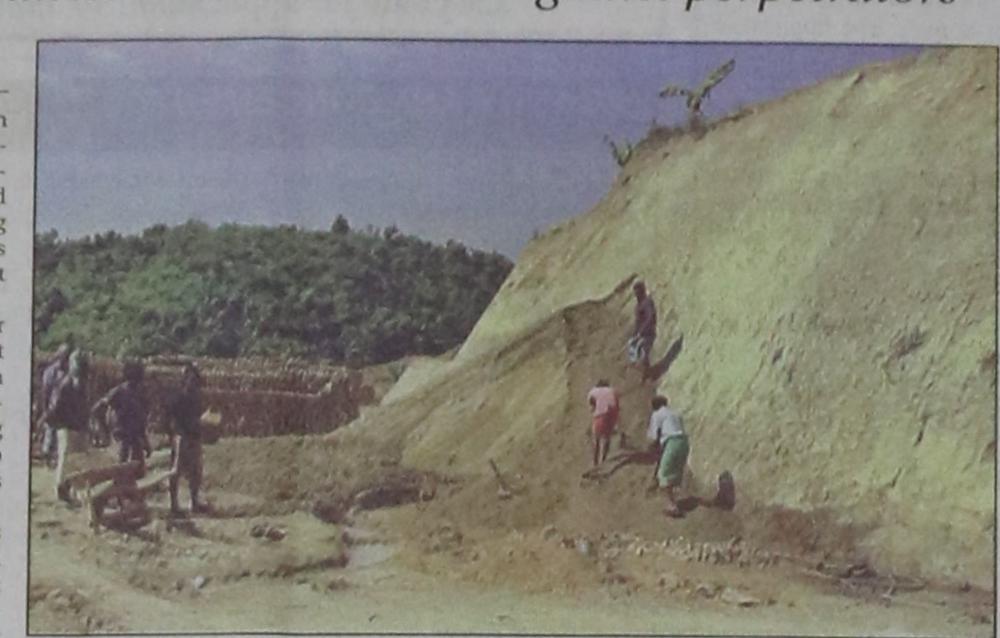
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Her contestant son Rakibul

The mother is Shahanaj

voters in Ulipur upazila (UZ).



Defying environmental laws, an influential person continues cutting a hill at Washu in Matiranga in Khagrachhari district to construct a road to his brickfield.

to save the depleting hills.

Abu Daud Muhammad. network member of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), told The Daily Star correspondent that they have recently visited Wasu and Battali areas hill plunderers have continued environment destructive activities.

A few hills have been flatbrickfield, he said.

hill plunderers we will go for another movement to save our hills," he said.

istration is yet to be observed Khagrachhari creates bad structing houses and markets impact on the environment, convener of local environmental organization Paribesh Surokkha Andolon.

Filling up of rivers and canals and consequent flash flood, damage to property and of Matiranga upazila where lives are the results of hill cutting, he said.

Asif Ahammed, vice president of local Paribesh Andolon Forum, said Chenghi, Mainee tened to make a road to go a and Feni rivers in the district Masud Ahmed said. have become filthy due to hill "If the administration fails cutting and soil erosion. He to take any legal action against sought cooperation for movement against plunders.

supply hilly soil to fill up Hill cutting in canals and low lands for con- action against hill cutting."

in the district, said said Pradeep Chowdhury, Mohammad Khalilur Rahman, secretary of Paribesh Andolon Forum.

"Many hills are facing danger. Sudden accident due to landslide may cause harm to people and properties any time. An integrated approach is necessary to save environment of the natural hilly areas," Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue)

When contacted, Deputy Commissioner AKM Khairul Alam said, "I have already taken initiatives to save the Unscrupulous traders hills. I ordered Matiranga upazila nirbahi officer to take

SYLHET

Candidates use party identity in upazila polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Although the upazila elections are to be held nonpartisan, candidates are using their political identity during the campaign in almost all the upazilas of the

from the four-party alliance have already withdrawn from the race, but there are still more than one candidate for the posts of chairman and vice-chairman in all the upazilas. Awami League is

also facing similar situation. Amid widespread speculations that results of the However, Biswanath upazila recently held parliament elections would influence the local body polls candidates Secretary Firoze Khan Ponki from the Awami League camp and a district committee are feeling somewhat better member are still on the race than those from the ones for the upazila chairmanship. from their rival BNP.

ইলেক্ট্রিসিটি জেনারেশন কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড

(বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের একটি অস প্রতিষ্ঠান)

ব্যবস্থাপক (তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী) সংব্রহ্ণণ এর কার্য্যালয়

সিদ্ধিরগঞ্জ ২১০ মেঃওঃ তাপ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র, সিদ্ধিরগঞ্জ, নারায়নগঞ্জ-১৪৩০

া ২১০ মেঃ গুঃ সিদ্ধিবগঞ্জ তাপ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্ৰ , ইজিসিবি দিমিটেড,সিদ্ধিরগঞ্জ,নারায়নগঞ

অঞ্চিদ চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।

मुन्द ३२-०० है। नर्छ।

(১) ম্যানেজ্যর, অহানী ব্যাকে লিখিটেড, সিদ্ধিরগঞ্জ পাত্যার টেশন পাশা, সিদ্ধিরগঞ্জ, নারায়নপঞ্জ

(২) কোম্পানী সচিব, , ইজিসিবি লিঃ, বিটিএমসি ভবন(৮তলা), ৭-১কাওৱান বাজাৰ,ঢাকা-১২১৫

া নিৰাহী প্ৰকৌপলী (জেলারেটর এড সুইচগিয়ার বিজাগ), ২১০ যেঃ ৩ঃ সিজাবিকে, ইঞ্জিনিবি লিঃ সিদ্ধিরগঞ্জ, নারায়নগঞ্জ া নিববি প্রকৌশলী (জনারেটর এক সুইচণিয়ার বিভাগ), ২১০ মেঃ বঃ সিতাবিকে, ইজিসিবি লিঃ সিভিরণঞ্জ, নাবায়নগঞ্জ

৫০০ (শার্ষণত) টাব্দ মার । আহবী দরদাতা বে কোন তহাসীল ব্যাংক হুইতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট / পে-জর্জার (অঞ্চরতবোগ্য)।

া বৰ্ণিত হাত্তে উপ-পৰিচালক (হিসাব), আহিল, সিদ্ধিরণঞ এর অনুক্লে যে কোন তক্সীল বাাকে হইতে ভ্রাকট/পে-অর্ভাব

এর মাধ্যমে দরপত্তের সহিত অবশাই জ্বা নিতে হইবে অন্যথায় দরপত্ত বাজিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

। ২১০ মেঃ গঃ সিভিবশন্ত ভাপ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্ৰ, ইজিসিবি দিঃ, সিভিবশন্ত, নাবায়নগঞ

। পিলিএ-২০০৬ ও পিলিআর ২০০৮ অনুযায়ী পরপত্রের সকল কার্যাক্রম পরিচালিত হইবে।

ঃ নিবাহী প্ৰকৌশলী (জেলাবেটৰ এক সুইচনিয়াৰ বিভাগ) ।

সিছিরগঞ্জ ২১০ ম্বেরণ্ডর ভাগ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্রের গ্যাস কুলিং পাতেশর

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২১০ মোতঃ সিম্মিরণঞ্চ তাপ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র

ইপেকট্রসিটি জেনারেশন কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড।

সিজিরগঞ্জ, নারায়ণগঞ্জ

হন্য উচ্চ কমভাসম্পন্ন ইনভাকশন মটর সরবরাহ কাল।

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ঃ ব্যবশহালক (সংক্রেক্স), ২১০ মোডা সিভাবিকে/হি-২৪/২০০৮/১০৩৪

। বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ, বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্ৰনালয়।

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নিভিন্নত ২১০ যেতেঃ তাল বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্ৰের গ্যান কৃদিং পাম্পের জন্য উচ্চ

সিভিউলে অন্তর্ক কাজের পরিমান কমিতে /বাড়িতে পারে, তবে গ্রহনকৃত লর অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে।

২২। সরপত্র নাবিদের শেবদিন অনিবার্থ কারনে ছুটি খোষিত হইলে শরবর্তী মাতাবিক কার্যদিবলৈ বখানিয়মে সরপত্র জমা/ গ্রহন করা হইবে।

২৯। বিপযুক্ত কর্ত্তপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শালো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহন / সকল সরপত্র ব্যতিক করার ক্ষমতা সংবন্ধন করেন।

। মাঃ আজিজ্প হক ।

অমতাসম্পন্ন ইনভাকশন মটর সরবরাহ কাজ

২৮। সিরপত্ত আহ্বানকারীর সহিত যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম 1 টি এড টি 1 ৭৬৯২৯০০

২৪। সবলত সংক্রের সকল তথা শতবিলী সিভিউলে বিস্তারিত বর্নিত আছে

ঃ অকৃত অৱতকাহী/ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান

সরণত্র দলিদের সহিত সংযুক্ত সিভিউল ও বর্ননা মোতাবেক।

আকারে উপ-পরিচালক (হিসাব),সিভিরণত এর অনুকূলে প্রদের।

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। मदलब

Sylhet district BNP convening committee member Ashique Chwdhury and BNP chief Ifzalur Rahman are contesting for the post of upazila chairman of Kanaighat.

A number of candidates BNP leaders Abul Kaher Shamim and UP chairman Shah Jamal Nurul Huda are contesting for the upazila chairman post.

Upazila BNP President Mozahid Uddin and Jamaat leader Mohammad Hashmat Ullah withdrew their nomi nations in Biswanath upazila. BNP Vice-chairman Sohel Ahmed Chowdhury, General Similar is the situation in

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কার্য্য সম্পাদনের

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President Ejajul Haque Ejaj and former UP chairman Azizur Rahman Manik are in the campaign with AL iden-In Sylhet Sadar upazila, tity. However, Sadar upazila AL at a meeting endorsed Ashfaque as their candidate

> In Zakiganj upazila, former upazila chairman AL Party's France chapter chief Farid Uddin are in the race.

In Companiganj, former upazila chairman M Taiyebur Rahman and Md Jahangir Alam, both AL men, and in Gowainghat, USA AL leader Faruque Ahmed and local AL leader Luthfur Rahman Lebu are in the upazila polls race.

In Golapganj, Iqbal Ahmed Chowdhury and former chairman Abul Boshor are in the race.

Both of them are using ALidentity. Secretary Abdul Khalique Mayon is the only candidate with AL identity in Beanibazar upazila while in Dakshin Surma upazila former UP chairman Mainul Islam is the lone candidate with AL identity.

the AL camp. In Sadar upazila, district AL's Joint Secretary Ashfaque Ahmed, Kanaighat pourashava unit district Sramik League

> for the polls. leader Mashuk Uddin, Jatiya Shabbir Ahmed and Sirajul Haque, and freedom fighter

> However, district AL Joint

BSF returns Bangladeshi's body

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) returned the body of a Bangladeshi youth after a company commander-level flag meeting with Bangladesh

Rifles (BDR) Thursday evening. Operation Officer of 39 Rifles Battalion, Maj. Syed Abu Hasan said the meeting was held on the zero line on Chouka border near pillar No 77.

The victim was identified as Hablu Mia, 21, son of Md. Mojnu Mia of Chhoto Araimari village in Shibganj upazila in the district.

He was gunned down by BSF members of Sukdevpur camp on Chouka border Tuesday night. Two others injured in the BSF firing-- Babul Mia, 28, and Yousuf Ali, 30are undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

After receiving the body, BDR men then handed it over to Shibganj police who later handed it over the body to the victim's family.

RANGPUR-3 BY-ELECTION

JP demands party ticket for Abed Ali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Jatiya Party leaders yesterday demanded nomination for district organising secretary of the party Abed Ali in the upcoming by-lection in Rangpur-3 constituency.

Ershad won from Rangpur-Kurigram-2 and Dhaka-17 constituencies in the December 29 parliamentary election. He vacated Rangpur-3 and Kurigram-2.

At a press conference held in the town, the JP leaders urged chief HM Ershad to nominate Abed Ali, claiming that he enjoys support of majority party men in the area.

Rangpur Sadar upazila secretary Ataur Rahman told the press conference that majority of grassroots leaders of the party have given their consent in favour of Abed Ali as he is honest and fit for this.

He requested the party chief and high-ups to honour the sentiment of grassroots party leaders and activists in

Rangpur-3 constituency. Abed Ali, who was also present at the press conference, said, "I struggled for 17 years to hold high the party flag in the district despite all odds. The part chief should realise the sentiment of grassroots party men".

Earlier, a number of party leaders met Ershad in Dhaka on January-3 and gave him a resolution of the local party unit demanding party ticket for Abed Ali.

Freedom fighter's body recovered in Magura

UNB, Magura

The body of a freedom fighter was recovered from a latrine tank at Basho village in Mohammadpur upazila Thursday afternoon.

Freedom fighter Jafar Biswas, 60, was missing for three days, family sources said.

Jafar had a long-standing dispute with his rival in the village, police said adding that he might have been killed following the rivalry.

However, none was arrested in this connection.

43 women runners against 52 men in 9 Khulna upazilas

'Woman for woman' is the main poll slogan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

'Woman for woman' is no main slogan of women andi- women neglected so long. If dates to draw sympathy of elected, I will help them change women voters in the upcoming their lifestyle". upazila election in Khulna.

Forty-three women are contesting for the posts of vice- chairman in nine upazilas in the district. Against them, 52 male candidates are in the race.

The women candidates are visiting houses of voters from dawn to dusk to seek votes, making lofty promises. They are mainly banking on women voters.

Most of them have an added advantage. They are using extra services of their husbands and adult children in the hectic polls campaign.

They are assuring poor women voters that if elected, they will get bank loan for cottage industry and purchasing sewing machines to earn

more for better living. Talking to this correspondent, Bulu Roy Ganguly con-

Batiaghata upazila otus symbol said, "I have some chance to stand by rural

According to Khulna district election office, three candidates each are contesting for the post woman vicechairman in Batiaghata and Phultala upazilas, nine in Dumuria, five each in Terokhada, Rupsha, Paikgacha and Dakop and four each in Koira and Digholia upazilas.

"We are sparing no pains to win hearts particularly of women and also their husbands. New voters are also our target" said Murshida Khanam who is a graduate. She is contesting with Butterfly symbol from Paikgacha in the January 22 upazila election.

Women candidates are campaigning with their supporters even at night, carrying lanterns and torch, braving biting cold.

3 Satkhira MPs vow to fight corruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Three lawmakers, elected in the

candidates, yesterday vowed to root out corruption from the the country. At a discussion during a 1 (Tala-Kalaroa) constituency.

reception accorded to them by the leaders and activists of local grand alliance at Satkhira Sector Commanders Forum pourasava auditorium, they and freedom fighters for creatalso vowed to take steps to solve ing mass awareness against war the perennial water-logging problem in Tala, Kalaroa and Sadar upazilas.

aggravated over the years due to unplanned coastal embankments and shrimp cultivation.

trial of corrupt suspects irre-

spective of party affiliation. "I shall work for welfare of December 29 elections from mass people who were deprived Satkhira district as Awami of their basic rights during the League (AL)-led grand alliance misrule of the past BNP-Jamaat-led four-party alliance government," said district AL society for the development of President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, elected from Satkhira-

> Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, also a freedom fighter, thanked voters, mainly young people.

Jatiya Party (JP-Ershad) mony. Water-logging problem has leader MA Jabbar, who was elected from Satkhira-2 (Sadar) declining flow of the Padma, constituency defeating Jamaat deposit of silt in Kabodak, Betna candidate, pledged that he and Marichchap rivers, would undertake development terinthenew cabinet, could not projects including expansion of

They also agreed to continue Bhomra-Satkhira road for the development of 'neglected' Satkhira district.

JP leader HM Golam Reza, elected from Stkhira-4 (Shyamnagar and eight unions in Kaliganj upazīla), said he would take measures to save the Sundarbans from destruction and set up a tourism centre at Munshiganj adjacent to the

Sundarbans. District grand alliance convenor Md Nazrul Islam, also the general secretary of district AL, presided over the meeting while district Jatiya Party (JP-Ershad) criminals, which influenced leader Ashrafuzzman Ashu conducted the reception cere-

Another elected lawmaker from the district, AL leader Dr AFM Ruhul Haque, who has been inducted as health minisattend the reception as he was Bhomra land port, dilapidated busy with state functions.

SYLHET SHRINE BLAST

Police give final report after 5 years

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Investigators have submitted final report on the bomb attack on the premises the shrine of the shrine of Hajrat Shahjalal (RA) in Sylhet as they failed to find any clue to the tragic incident in five years.

The attack made during the annual Urs of Hajrat Shahjalal (RA) on the night of January 12 in 2004 left five persons killed and 50 injured.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case, CID Inspector Gopal Chakravarty told the Daily Star yesterday that he submitted the final report last week to the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court of Sylhet.

"I was given the task months ago. Before me, six investigators tried to find out any clue to the incidentbutfailed.

"It is too hard to get find any clue after five years".

At about 8 pm on January 12, 2004, when

Uttara in Dhaka city in 2007.

CID was the last investigator.

ever any clue is found.

thousands of devotees from all over the country were attending the annual Urs at the shrine and around, several bombs went off on the northern premises of the shrine.

nection with the case are on on bail, Gopal said.

In last five years, investigation officials were

No evidence against any of the arrested

Moulana Abu Sayeed, an activist of Harkat ul

changed seven times. Gopal Chakravarty of

persons could be established, he added. He

however said investigation will resume when-

Jihad (Huji), an Islamist militant organization,

now in jail was included as an accused in the

case months ago. Sayeed was arrested from

Thirteen out of the 14 persons arrested in con-



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With the authorities turning a blind eye, tree felling goes on unabated in the reserve forest under Padua Range in Chittagong (South) Forest Division. The photo was taken on Thursday.



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