UZ chairman candidate abducted in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Rangamati district Awami League (AL) and its front organisations brought out a procession in the town yesterday protesting abduction of their leader and Barkal upazila chairman candidate Santosh Kumar Chakma.

The AL unit also urged the district administration to take necessary measures to rescue its leader and postpone today's election in the upazila.

Santosh Kumar Chakma, joint secretary of district AL, was kidnapped by unidentified criminals from Kukichhara under Barkal upazila on Tuesday.

A gang of criminals while he was returning home, concluding election campaign. They picked up Santosh at gunpoint and took him to deep

Later, the criminals demanded Tk 50 lakh as ran-



som for release of the AL leader, local and police sources said.

Hridoy Chakma, nepew of Santosh Chakma, yesterday filed a case with Barkal Police Station accusing Koruna Mohan Chakma, who is also a candidate for the post of upazila chairman in the same upazila, and some other unknown persons of their involvement in the abduction, police said.

Jubo league, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Swechchasebak league, front organizations of the ruling AL, took out the procession and then held a rally on the premises of Rangamati Deputy Commissioner's office.

District AL leader Kerol Chakm, Jubo league leader Minthu Marma, BCL district unit president Akbar Hossain, secretary Asish Kumar Chakma, and Mujibur Rahman addressed the rally.

They gave a 12-hour ultimatum to the district administration to rescue their abducted leader. Otherwise, they said a tougher agitation programme will be announced in the district. Joint forces, divided into

several groups, have launched operations in different areas of the district to rescue Santosh Chakma.

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JP hopeful in most UZ seats in greater Rangpur

Multiple candidacy puts AL in difficulty

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Upazila chairman candidates with political background have emerged as the main competitors in today's polls in all 35 upazilas under Rangpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha, and Nilphamari districts.

Election observers said the major competition will be between the leaders of Jatiya Party and Awami League in most of the upazilas in Rangpur region while candidates from BNP would compete with candidates from either JP or AL in a few upazilas.

Party internal feud in regard swooped on Santosh Chakma | to several candidates has created difficulty for Awami League leaders in at least 10 upazilas in the region, they

"Voters would have to choose candidates with political background in the region because non-political persons could not show up their fitness Rezaul Hoque, Former princi-

College.

former principal of the same college, observed that nonpolitical persons who have qualities, patriotism and honesty have hardly taken part in the upazila polls.

In Baderganj upazila under Rangpur district two AL leaders Duke Choudhury and Bishawnath Bitu, in Mithapukur AL leaders Motahar Hosen Mowla and Zakir Hosen, in Rangpur Sadar AL leaders Mochaddeque Hosen Bablu and Ataur Zaman Babu are in the race for chair-

manship. In Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila two AL leaders -- former secretary of the district unit Bhola Patwari and incumbent secretary Motiar Rahman -- are in the race for chairman-

In Kurigram Sadar, AL leaders Abdul Karim Modhu and Monju Mondol, in Nageshawri AL leaders Aslam Saodagor, Birbal Hosen and as public figures," said Dr Mozammel Hoque Pradhani, in Rajarhat upazila AL leaders pal of Rangpur Carmichael Jahid Sarwardi Bappi, Abu

Noor and Yunus Ali and in Prof Mozammel Hoque, Fulbari upazila AL leaders Golam Rabbani and Sahadat Hosen are in the race for chairmanship.

> District unit committees of the party issued letters of warning in a bid to prevent a few AL leaders from contesting the polls but no one withdrew their candidature.

An AL central committee leader preferring anonymity said he thinks hardly 10 to 12 chairman candidates from AL might win the chairman posts in the region. He said as the AL supporters

were divided, candidates from JP would take lead in today's polls in 15 to 20 upazilas in Rangpur region.

Karim Uddin Varosha expressed hope that candidates from JP would win in at least 30 upazilas in the five districts.

"People will elect Jatiya Party leaders because upazila parishad system was introduced during the rule of party chairman Ershad," he said.

among the victims of the

dren and other relatives became

family. Just an incomplete tin-

shed room is our only asset,"

said Fulmoti, wife of Nobir who

forward with helping hands to

the bereaved families.

left behind four daughters.

speechless to see the bodies.

Their mother, wives, chil-

"I have nothing to run my

trawler capsize tragedy.

MEGHNA TRAWLER CAPSIZE TRAGEDY

22 bodies buried in Chatmohar upazila

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

As bodies of 22 people, killed in trawler capsize in Meghnariver on Monday night, reached the village in the early morning yesterday, a pall of gloom descended at Chaikula and adjoining villages of Chatmohar upazila in Pabna district.

Several thousands of people including public representatives, upazila election candidates, political leaders rushed to Chaikula village where sorrows and pathos overwhelmed the upazila election fever that grips the whole country.

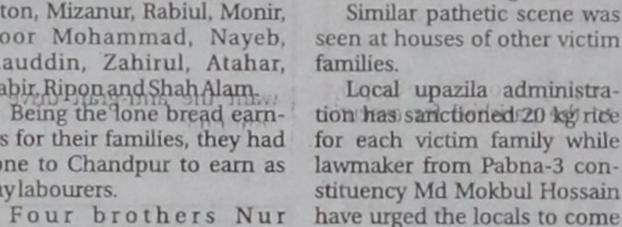
villagers buried the bodies from village Chaikula were yesterday.

The 22 victims of trawler capsize in Meghna river in Doshain area 'under Motleb upazila are residents of Chaikula and adjoining villages in Chatmohor upazila.

The deceased are Masud, Akkas, Mukul, Altaf, Amirul, Arif, Ashraf, Joynal, Alaj, Farid, Liton, Mizanur, Rabiul, Monir. Noor Mohammad, Nayeb, Alauddin, Zahirul, Atahar, Nabir Ripon and Shah Alam.

ers for their families, they had gone to Chandpur to earn as day labourers. Four brothers Nur

Mohammed, Alauddin, Alhaj After namaj-e-janaja, the Uddin and Shah Alam -- all







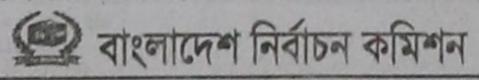
Locals have a last glimpse of Meghna tragedy victims after namaz-e-janaja in Chatmohar upazila, left, and relatives of a deceased wail.

ভোটার এলাকা এবং ক্রমিক নম্বর সম্পর্কিত জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্ত।

আসন্ন উপজেলা পরিষদ নির্বাচনে ভোটার এলাকা এবং ভোটার ক্রমিক নম্বর সংক্রান্ত তথ্য প্রাপ্তিতে সমস্যা হলে নিম্নলিখিত নম্বরে যোগাযোগের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। উল্লেখ্য নিম্নলিখিত নম্বরে ২২ জানুয়ারী ২০০৯ বৃহস্পতিবার সকাল ৯:০০ থেকে ৫:০০ পর্যন্ত তথ্য

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MURDER CASE

UZ chairman candidate Anar escapes arrest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thenidah

Joint forces yesterday launched a failed drive to arrest upazila chairman candidate Kaliganj upazila AL General Secretary Anwarul Azim Anar.

Anar is accused in nine cases including those for murder, extortion, arms and gold smuggling and an Interpollisted criminal.

Being deprived from parliamentary polls Anar again submitted nomination paper for upazila chairman post. And he is in the top favourite in his electoral areas.

At 2:00pm yesterday, Rab and joint forces encircled his house at Katal Bagan and continued their operation till 4:30pm. But they failed to nab Anar and recover anything illegal.

Sources said shortly before the drive two persons in civil dress informed Anar to leave the area to evade arrest.

On July 24 last year, Kaliganj police arrested Anar for breaking emergency rules but his cohorts attacked policemen and snatched him

One of the cases filed against Anar is for killing Darshana Poura BNP General Secretary Saiful Islam on May 1,2007.

Contacted, Jhenidah Superintendent of Police Jahangir Hossain Matabbar said police will continue their operation to arrest Anar.





Ballot boxes being sent to a polling centre, left, and an official instructing Ansar-VDP men about their duty in Poba upazila in Rajshahi yesterday as the country prepares for upazila elections today.

UPAZILA ELECTION

670 centres 'risky' in Noakhali, Munshiganj, Narayanganj

STAR REPORT

JP Presidium Member As many as 670 polling centres three-tier security measures Sirajdikhanupazila. have been marked "risky" in have been taken to maintain Noakhali, Munshiganj and Narayanganj districts as country goes to upazila electon today.

Of them, 330 centres are in Noakhali, 210 in Munshiganj and the rest in Narayanganj.

Noakhali district election inthenineupazilas. commissioner Nazrul Islam Khan said 330 polling centres out of 623 in nine upazilas of the district are risky, reports our correspondent.

Of the risky centres, 47 are in centres out of 386 in six upazilas Chatkhil, 22 in Sonaimuri, 61 in Begumganj, 43 in Senbagh, 50 in risky. Sudharam, 24 in Kabirhat, 23 in Hatia, 47 in Companyganj and eight in Subornacharupazila.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Two among 40 fishermen

kidnapped on last Friday

bought their freedom for Tk

released from captivity of

pirates of notorious Kalu

Bahini were identified as Leju

Sarder and Babul Sheikh

50,000 each early Tuesday.

Khulna

peaceful atmosphere during the

contesting the election for the ofvoters is 8,75.614. posts of chairman, vice chairman and woman vice chairmen

completed all preparations for holding the elections in nine upazilas.

of the district have been marked

2 fishermen freed on ransom

under Mathbaria upazila in

Jabor Molla and Selim Sheikh

who are armed cadres of Kalu

Bahini, let off the two fisher-

men near Gharmunpara canal

relatives of the two victims,

Bagerhat Fishermen's

The ransom was paid by

Pirojpur district.

Police superintendent 29 in Louhajang upazila, 35 in Khandker Lutful Kabir said Sreenagar upazila, and 25 in

A total of 2,422 transparent ballot boxes will be used for voting in the polling centers of A total of 161 people are the upazilas where the number

Police, Ansar, Rab and army personnel have been deployed in the six upazilas to maintain law District election office has and order during the polling.

District Returning Officer Bijoy Bhushan Paul said all preparations have been com-In Munshiganj, 210 polling pleted for holding the upazila elections peacefully.

Our Narayanganj correspondent reported that police admin-Of them, 34 centres are in istration has marked 130 out of Gazaria upazila, 36 in Sadar 544 polling centres in five upazila, 51 in Tongibari upazila, upazilas "risky".

"We were tied up with a tree

in the deep forest and tortured

adding that Jabor Molla and

Selim Sheikh also gunned

down Syed Ali, a fisherman

from trawler 'FB Padma' on

Saturday morning in a bid to

napped at arms point from the

Killed Syed Ali was also

force others to pay ransom.

RU hall provost's room ransacked

RU CORRESPONDED

Bangladesh Chhatra League, student wing of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), yesterday ransacked the provost's room of Rajshahi University (RU) Habibur Rahman Hall demanding seat for their activ-

Chhatra League activists placed their demand to provost Prof Saiful Islam Faruki at his office. They also demanded of him to drive out non-students and outsiders from the hall. They pointed out to him that several Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists are living at the hall illegally for the last several

At one stage, a serious altercation ensued between them. Later, Chhatra League activists ransacked his room and threatened for launching a tougher agitation against him if he fails to drive away outsider JCD activists without further delay.

As proctor rushed to the hall with police, they left the hall.

When contacted, Chhatra League president Taimur Faruk alleged that the provost had misbehaved with them. He also denied to allot 'legal' seats to them.

The provost gave shelter to non-student JCD activists at the hall, he alleged further.

Provost Prof Saiful Islam Faruki told newsmen that unruly students had been demanding seats at the hall illegally. He also claimed no outsiders are residents of the hall.

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said a reliable source of among 40 fishermen kid-

After receiving the ransom, mercilessly," the victims said,

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL CONSULTANTS

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a grant under PHRD through the International Development Association (IDA) to implement the scaled-up programs of Social Investment Program Project (SIPP). Social Development Foundation (SDF) is implementing SIPP in Gaibandha and Jamalpur districts, and working with rural poor and hardcore poor to alleviate poverty as outlined in the PRSP. Now SDF is looking for self-motivated and innovative professionals for the following positions. The works involve extensive travel to the project areas and working in the field.

(1) Consultant for Training and Capacity Building- 1 Position

The two fishermen adjacent to the Sundarbans.

hailing from Tushkhali village Cooperative Society.

The objective of this assignment is to develop and implement a demand-driven and community-friendly capacity building strategy and plan for SIPP and SIPP additional financing projects (including flood and cyclone) and help the communities implement the program as per rules and guidelines and agreed timetable. This consultancy should result in a targeted and relevant field-oriented training for SDF staff, partner organizations, community resource persons and SIPP communities.

Qualification and Experience:

The candidate should have post-graduation in Social Science or in a relevant field and a minimum 10 years of relevant, practical experience in the field of training/capacity building with specific experience in preparation, design, implementation and evaluation of training programs.

(2) Consultant for Preparation of Project Implementation Plan - 1 Position

The objectives of the assignment are to: (a) facilitate preparation of the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) in a participatory way involving the relevant stakeholders and incorporating findings of various preparatory studies undertaken under the PHRD. Qualification and Experience: The consultant should have post-graduation in Sociology/Economics/Political Science/Business Studies or related field with more

than 10 years of experience in rural development project planning and designing, and working with local government institutions. (3) Coordinator (Flood) - 1 Position

The major objective of the assignment is to expedite various startup activities of the flood project and quickly launch the flood project activities on the ground. The selected candidate will coordinate the flood project activities under the guidance of GM, Program. S/he will also work closely with the field/district team to facilitate the flood-affected communities to plan and implement flood restoration and recovery assistance program.

Qualification and Experience:

The prospective candidates should have post-graduation in any discipline with at least 15 years of relevant professional experience. preferably in disaster management.

(4) Junior Consultant for Procurement- 3 Positions The objective of the assignment is to make arrangements for all required procurement for the project, including goods, works and

services. S/he will have to prepare procurement plan and facilitate procurement training at the community level. Qualification and Experience:

The candidate should have post-graduation in any discipline with at least 4 years of working experience. The candidate should have sound knowledge in Public Procurement Rules & Regulations of GoB & WB guidelines.

(5) Consultant for Human Resource Development - 1 Position The objective of the assignment is to develop an overall HR strategy for SDF, including staffing policy and design, and staff performance appraisal, and will have to regularly update the HR manual in addition to designing, coordinating, conducting

competency and skill development through capacity-building interventions for project staff.

Qualification and Experience: The consultant should have post-graduation in Business Studies, Economics or in any other relevant subject from a recognized institution. S/he should have at least 10 years of experience in human resource management and sound knowledge of HR practices. (6) Junior Consultant for Social Accountability- 2 Positions

The objective of the assignment is to facilitate implementation and operationalization of various downward accountability tools and

methods that SDF has developed and ensure that project activities are carried out in a transparent and inclusive way. S/he will have to provide hands-on technical assistance to the community groups and cluster-level staff to help them understand both principles and practices of social accountability and good governance. Qualification and Experience:

The consultant should have post-graduation in any discipline, preferably in Law, with 5 years of relevant practical experience. Having clear knowledge about good governance and social accountability would be an added advantage. For all the posts: · Attractive remuneration package commensurate with the qualifications, skill and experience will be offered.

. The candidates must have strong computer literacy, high level of interpersonal skill, excellent report writing skill and strong

ability in oral and written communication in both Bangle and English. • Experience of working with international agencies, donor-funded projects and NGOs and GoB would be an advantage.

• The academic qualification may be relaxed in case of highly experienced candidates. • The tenure of the above position will be initially of 12 months and it could be extended following evaluation of performance.

. Having the experience of working with rural communities will be an added advantage.

. The incumbents should be willing to travel to remote areas extensively, and will be spending minimum 20 days per month in the project area.

Only short-listed candidates will be called for interviews.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 1997 (revised September 1997, January 1999 and May 2004 and Public Procurement Regulations dated October, 01, 2008 and recipient's Public Procurement Act 2006) Interested candidates are requested to send their application along with their detailed CVs mentioning the proposed position and work undertaken that best illustrates capacity to handle the assignment, including the copies of all certificates with two passport-size

photographs to the following address on or before February 10, 2009 from 9am to 5 pm. They also are requested to write the position applied for on the top of the envelope. No TA/DA will be allowed for attending the interview. Further details are available in the SDF website: www.sdfbd.org. **Managing Director**

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