

ATTACK ON MOTORCADE  
16 supporters  
of ex-JP MP  
sent to jail

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Rangpur District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday rejected the bail petitions of 16 supporters of former Jatiya Party (JP) lawmaker Mohammad Ali Sarker and sent them to Rangpur Central Jail.

They have been accused in a case filed with Badarganj Police Station on December 27 for attacking the motorcade of JP chief and former president HM Ershad at Badarganj Bazar where he (Ershad) had gone to campaign for his party candidate for the parliamentary election.

A number of relatives and supporters of Mohammad Ali Sarker got annoyed with JP Chairman Ershad as he had given Anisul Islam Mondal the party ticket for contesting the parliamentary election from Rangpur-2 constituency instead of Mohammad Ali.

All the 16 accused appeared before the court and sought bail, but judge Mizanur Rahman rejected their petitions and sent them to jail.

Mohammad Ali Sarker was elected MP from Rangpur-2 constituency on JP ticket in 2001.

Three hill councils  
without woman  
members for 20 yrs

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Ignoring constitutional provision to ensure representation and participation of women in every sector, three Hill District Councils (HDC) have been running without female members since their inception in 1989.

To ensure participation of each indigenous ethnic community, the then government in 1989 introduced three specialised local government organizations -- Bandarban Hill District Council (BHDC), Rangamati Hill District Council (RHDC) and Khagrachari Hill District Council (KHDC), in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) under direct election for three years duration.

But 20 years have passed when no female members have been included in these local government councils.

Meantime, these important

local government units have been run by selected interim councils for the last 16 years.

As each successive government formed a new council for each HDC when they came to power, partisan members replaced these interim councils, said local people.

In the beginning, these HDCs were formed with 31 members including one chairman by direct election. But there was not any system to ensure women's representation in CHT. There has been no development in the matter as different governments formed selected interim councils.

Official sources informed that the interim HDCs are formed with one chairman and four members. Among them the chairman and three members are selected from indigenous people and one member is selected from Bangladeshis. But no

step has been taken by the government to ensure women's participation.

However, there are four female members among 22 members of Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) since its beginning in 1998.

Local people have demanded ensuring women's representation in each HDC in CHT area as soon as possible. It should be done following the provision for women's quota in Jatiya Sangsad and CHTRC, they said.

"As a new government has assumed power, the interim councils for three Hill District Councils are going to be formed within a short time. It is the best time to ensure the women's participation in the councils," Ching Saw Prue Keyche, a member of present interim BHDC, said.

BNP supporter  
'abducted' by  
AL men in  
Natore

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Rajshahi

Awami League cadres allegedly kidnapped a BNP man at Naldanga of Natore yesterday and demanded ransom for his release.

Some AL cadres, including Dulal and Mamta, went to the house of BNP supporter Abdur Rahman at Hapania Basbhag village in a motorbike at around 11:00 am and picked him up.

Before leaving the scene, the AL cadres told Rahman's son Abdul Mannan to send them Tk 10,000 for release of his father.

Mannan complained to police who refused to record any case in this regard.

When contacted, the officer-in-charge (OC) of Naldanga Police Station said Rahman borrowed money from Dulal and Mamta. They are his relatives and he was refusing to pay them off.

"How can it be an abduction case if his relatives took him to their house for getting back the money?" the OC posed.

In another incident, at least ten people were injured as AL men attacked the house of Natore sadar BNP's acting general secretary Akhtaruzzaman Hares at Laxmipur Kholabaria village on Sunday night.

Earlier in the evening, the villagers caught AL activist Roky Mia and beat him up when he along with a gang of masked men attempted to kidnap Akhtaruzzaman's nephew Jahurul Islam.

AL men later attacked Akhtaruzzaman's house, beat up his family members and ransacked his house.

Akhtaruzzaman was admitted to Natore Sadar Hospital. A case has been lodged.

Captors free  
two of 8 in  
Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Bandarban

The criminals involved in Sunday's abduction of eight indigenous people yesterday freed two of the victims and demanded Tk 2 lakh as ransom for release of six others.

The two persons, Mong Koai Ching and Lorens Tripua were set free with a condition that a total Tk 2 lakh will be paid for release of other victims within February 5.

Relatives of the kidnapped people were told about the ransom demand as Mong Koai Ching and Lorens Tripua were set free and returned home at 1:00 pm on Monday, local source said.

Mong Koai Ching said the kidnapers are member of Democratic Party of Arakan and they abducted the eight people in Roangchari for ransom only.

Criminal acts alleged  
against RU BCL

RU CORRESPONDENT

After Awami League-led grand alliance came to the power, the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Rajshahi University unit have involved themselves in criminal activities like toll collection and kidnapping on the campus.

Many teachers and general students of the university expressed concern at such illegal activities of the BCL men.

Some BCL leaders, residing at different dormitories have also exerted their influence on the general students and halls administration.

Many shop owners on the campus have alleged the BCL activists collect toll from them regularly and commit crimes on the campus exercising their political influence.

Sources said, some BCL activists, who are not students of the university, are also involved in kidnapping and

snatching on the campus.

Earlier on January 21, a group of BCL activists picked up an admission seeker from the campus, took him to a nearby students' mess and snatched Tk 5,000 from him.

'After six hours' confinement, the BCL activists released me', the victim, Yasin Afrat, told newsmen on the campus.

On January 21, a group of BCL men collected Tk 500 in toll from each shops at stadium market on the campus.

On January 16, some BCL cadres beat up two journalists in front of the folklore department during their professional duties.

Jayyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and some left-leaning student organisations have criticised the role of police administration and the university authorities, saying that they are patronising the unruly BCL men.

They also alleged that police are yet to take any legal action against the BCL men involved in criminal activities.

When contacted, BCL RU unit president Ibrahim Hossain Moon said they will take actions against the BCL men involved in criminal acts.

Jahangir Hossain, assistant commissioner of police Mother zone, said, "We will investigate the allegations against BCL activists before taking any legal action."

Cargo handling at Mongla  
port halted for 4 hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,  
Khulna

Death of two retrenched dockworkers triggered high tension in Mongla port yesterday morning.

Port workers alleged Abdus Samad Jamadar, 65, of Malgazi village and Abdus Sobhan Khan, 45, of Kumarkhali village under Mongla upazila died from starvation as they did not get their arrear wages.

The port workers also suspended cargo handling from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Over Tk 1 lakh was due to Samad and Sobhan, said port workers' association general secretary Md Sahabuddin Ahmed. He said the port authority did not pay arrears to the two workers despite

frequent appeals made by them during their lifetime.

However, port officials denied the claims, saying the two died of diseases, not from starvation.

Over 3,000 retrenched dockworkers brought out a procession in the morning carrying bodies of the two. They also put forward a five-point demand.

Namaz-e-Janaja of the deceased was held at Mongla Sramik Sangha office ground in the morning where dockworkers and leaders of all political parties were present.

A meeting will be held at the port office to resolve the crisis on Wednesday. Khulna City Corporation Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque is expected to be present at the meeting.



Aggrieved at the death of two colleagues allegedly due to starvation, workers and staff of Mongla Port observe a sit-in programme in front of the port building yesterday.



Followers observing Aalong dance yesterday as thousands join the funeral of Buddhist monk Agralankar Thero, head of Purbo Ratna Maitree Vihar in Ratnapalong union in Ukhia upazila under Cox's Bazar district. The religious leader died at the age of 97 on January 16.

Angry locals call Bodi  
another 'Hazari'

AL MP annoys all in Ukhia-Teknaf

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's  
Bazar

With allegations of torture and repression on opposition activists and violation of election rules in the recently concluded upazila election, Awami League lawmaker Abdur Rahman Bodi has made himself controversial in less than a month of his election from Cox's Bazar-4 (Ukhia-Teknaf).

Aggrieved with his atrocities in the area, many locals have started calling him another 'Joynal Hazari'.

At an election rally of his favourite chairman candidate Shafique Miah at Sabrang School ground on January 18, Bodi threatened of an 'earthquake' in Teknaf if the chairman and vice chairman candidates backed by him are not elected in January 22 election, said witnesses and a few candidates for the posts.

Gas Uddin, assistant presiding officer of Sufia Community School centre at Hnila Phoolerdail village, on January 22 night filed a case with Teknaf Police Station accusing Bodi of beating election officials.



"In the face of death threat given by Bodi, I fled to Cox's Bazar town from Teknaf under police escort on Friday morning," Awami League rebel chairman candidate Sonali said at a press conference at Cox's Bazar town on Saturday.

"Bodi entered at least 10 polling centres and put seal on ballot papers in favour of his chosen candidates. He also beat assistant presiding officer of Sufia Community School Centre Bishram Dey, presiding officer of Naikhongchhari centre Abu Ahmed and assistant presiding officer of Natun Pallan Para centre Mohammad Ayub," Sonali said.

Three other chairman and

vice chairman candidates who lost Teknaf upazila polls- BNP leader Mohammad Abdullah, vice chairman candidates Md Afsar Uddin and Tahera Begum at a press conference at Cox's Bazar Press Club Saturday afternoon demanded cancellation of the results of Teknaf upazila polls and re-election. Earlier they also submitted appeal to the Election Commission with the same demand.

"After being elected lawmaker, Abdur Rahman Bodi started torturing the opposition workers and supporters in a medieval style," chairman candidate Mohammad Abdullah said.

Denying all the allegations against him, Bodi said an anti-Awami League quarter got the case filed against him to tarnish the image of the government.

Bodi, who was detained after the declaration of emergency in January 2007, got release in November last year. With grand alliance ticket, Abdur Rahman Bodi was elected lawmaker in December 29 election defeating his nearest rival four-party alliance candidate Shahjahan Chowdhury.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Military Engineer Services  
CMES (Army) Dhaka  
Dhaka Cantt

**Invitation for Tenders**

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence			
2. Agency	Military Engineer Services (Army)			
3. Procuring entity name	CMES (Army) Dhaka			
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka			
5. Invitation for	Procurement of works			
6. Invitation Ref No	4000/Adv/24/E-4			
7. Date	19 Jan 2009			
8. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
9. Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (Revenue)			
10. Project/programme code	Job No 27/Others of 2008-2009.			
11. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Provision of 300nos ceiling fan for deficiency due to increased of scale at Jalalabad Cantt, Sylhet.			
12. Tender publication date	28 Jan 2009			
13. Tender last selling date & time	09 Feb 2009 on 1400 hours.			
14. Tender closing date and time	11 Feb 2009 on 1200 hours.			
15. Tender opening date and time	11 Feb 2009 at 1230 hours.			
16. Name & address of the office(s)				
Selling tender document	CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt.			
Receiving tender document	CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt.			
Opening tender document	CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt.			
17. Eligibility of tenderer	MES enlisted contractor 'D' & 'E' Class & equivalent class contractors enlisted with other govt/sami govt/other organisation having security clearance from DGFI along with up-to-date attested photocopy of Trade license, VAT Reg. & IT certificate & bank statement.			
18. Brief description of works	Provision of 300nos ceiling fan for deficiency due to increased of scale at Jalalabad Cantt, Sylhet.			
19. Price of tender document	Tk. 500.00			
Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of CMES (Army) Dhaka Cantt (Taka)	Completion time in weeks/months/year
20. a.	Jalalabad Cantt.	GE (Army) Jalalabad	Taka 22,000/-	02 (two) months
21. Name of official inviting tender	CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt.			
22. Designation of official inviting tender	Lt Col			
23. Address of official inviting tender	CMES (Army) Dhaka, Dhaka Cantt.			
24. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. 8754120 (Civil)	Fax No. 88-02-8754120	E-mail	
25. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				

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CMES (Army) Dhaka  
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**Military Engineer Services**  
GE (Army) Mirpur  
Mirpur Cantonment

**Invitation for Tenders**

Notice No. 6000/Invitation/55/2008-09/E-6 Dated: 19 January 2009

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence.				
2. Agency	Military Engineer Services.				
3. Procuring entity name	GE (Army) Mirpur.				
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.				
5. Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).				
6. Budget and source of funds	GOB.				
7. Development partners (if applicable)	None.				
8. Name of project/maintenance works	As per SI No. 14.				
9. Selling of tender will close on	12 February 2009 (during office hour).				
10. Last date & time for submission of tender	15 February 2009 at 12:00 noon.				
11. Date & time for opening of tender	15 February 2009 at 12:30pm.				
12. Name & address of the office(s)					
-Selling tender document	GE (Army) Mirpur, Mirpur Cantonment.				
-Receiving tender document	GE (Army) Mirpur, Mirpur Cantonment.				
-Opening tender document	GE (Army) Mirpur, Mirpur Cantonment.				
13. Eligibility of tenderer	a. MES enlisted contractor of D&E Class. b. Contractor enlisted other equivalent organization having security clearance from DGFI.				
14. Description of works & location :					
Lot No.	Identification of lot/works	Location	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of GE (Army) Mirpur	Completion time in weeks/m months
a.	Renovation/addition/alteration/modification works to Bldg No. 313/A (280/A) 'C' Type Qtr including ancillary works for DSCSC at Mirpur Cantt	Mirpur Cantt	500.00	13,000/-	01 (one) month
b.	Renovation/modification/addition/alteration for Room No. 222 & 224 of Bldg No. 09 including toilet facilities for MIST at Mirpur Cantt	Mirpur Cantt	500.00	13,000/-	01 (one) month
c.	Supply of 200 X ceiling fan against deficiency due to increase of scale for MIST at Mirpur Cantt	Mirpur Cantt	300.00	10,000/-	01 (one) month
15. Name of official inviting tender	GE (Army) Mirpur, Mirpur Cantonment.				
16. Designation of official inviting tender	Major.				
17. Address of official inviting tender	GE (Army) Mirpur, Mirpur Cantonment.				
18. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. 8061496	Fax No. NA	e-mail ge.mirpur@yahoo.com		
19. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders.					

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