



Muktijuddha Chetana Parishad forms a human chain in front of Rangpur Press Club yesterday demanding punishment to the killers of army officers during BDR mutiny at Pilkhana on February 25.

## Punish perpetrators of Pilkhana carnage

### Human chain in Rangpur demands

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Rangpur unit of Muktijuddha Chetona Parishad yesterday formed a human chain in front of local press club demanding exemplary punishment to those involved in Pilkhana carnage.

Leaders and activists of different political and socio-cultural organisations took part in the human chain that continued for an hour in the morning.

This was followed by a meeting where speakers termed the killing as a conspiracy against democracy and sovereignty of the country.

They urged leaders of all political parties not to make any adverse comment. It was part of a conspiracy by the vested quarters who wanted to destabilise the country by engaging army and BDR in a war-like situation, they said, adding that people want to see the killers punished.

Among others, Muktijuddha Chetona Parishad convener Mohammad Afzal, secretary of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee Dr Mafizul Islam Montu, president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) Dr Ekramul Haque Swapan, president of Sammlito Sangskritik Jote Kazi Mohammad Junun, vice-chairman of Sadar Upazila Parishad Masud Karim Munna, Sadrul Alam Dulu, Azizul Islam and Goutom Roy addressed.

## An army general with philanthropic mind

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

The people in south-western region will never forget Maj Gen Rafiqul Islam as they witnessed his untiring work to mitigate sufferings of affected people after cyclonic storm Sidr ravaged the area on November 15 in 2007.

With an excellent career in the army, Rafiqul Islam, GOC of 55 Infantry Division and Jessore area commander, was equally committed to performing humanitarian tasks when there was a need.

As an army helicopter carrying Rafiq crashed at Elenga in Tangail on Monday morning, he along with pilot Lt Col Md Shahidul Islam died inside the same helicopter that had carried him to Sidr-hit areas to help the affected people.

Operation 'Ashar Alo' (Light of Hope), a programme for relief and rehabilitation work in Sidr-hit south-western region, was conducted under the guidance and supervision of Maj Gen Rafiq as troops of Bangladesh army quickly responded to the call to stand by the side of the hapless people.

He was never late in reaching the distressed Sidr-hit people with food and other relief goods, said Anwar Hossain Panchayet, chairman of Southkhali union parishad under Sharankhola upazila of Bagerhat district. He broke down in tears hearing tragic death of Gen Rafiq.

Rafiqul Islam who joined as GOC of 55 Infantry Division in March 2007, also played the key role in



Maj Gen Rafiqul Islam

resolving the menacing waterlogging problem at Bhabadaha of Jessore, reforms of Benapole landport, preparation of national ID card and improving law and order situation in the outlaw-infested south-western region after one-eleven changeover in the country.

The army officer with a philanthropic heart had survived a road accident on August 24 last year while on the way to Dhaka with his wife and children.

As the army jeep carrying Maj Gen Rafiq, his wife and children collided head-on with a Khulna-bound passenger bus of Eagle Panbahan near Goaland Ghat of Rajbari district, the jeep fell into a ditch and Maj Gen Rafiq and his family members sustained serious injuries.

Later they were treated at Dhaka CMH.

Correspondent adds: Hundreds of people paid their last respect to Maj Gen Rafiqul Islam as his body was brought to Banaripara upazila headquarters, his native town, by a helicopter yesterday noon.

Brig Gen Sakib, Col Hassan, local lawmaker Manirul Islam Moni, journalist Golam Sarwar, also cousin of the deceased, brother-in-law Osman Gani Shikdar and the late general's sons Rafib and Rabib accompanied the coffin.

Senior officials of the army and civil administration, noted citizens and hundreds of people took part in the janaza held here after the Zohr prayers.

The body was brought back to Dhaka after the janaza.

His namaj-e-janaza was also held at Jessore Osmani Stadium earlier yesterday, reports BSS.

## National grid to get 700MW more power from July

### State minister for power says at Baghabari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

State minister for power Shamsul Haque Tuku said 700 MW power will be added to the national grid in July this year.

"As part of the programme to mitigate power crisis in the country, work is on to generate power in Haripur, Baghabari and other power plants. We are hopeful to add 700 MW power in the national grid in July," he said during a visit to Baghabari power plant and oil depots of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) on Tuesday.

Stressing smooth fuel supply of oil for irrigation in the northern region, the state

minister, also fuel and energy, said there is an alternative plan to ensure smooth fuel supply in Baghabari fuel depots through development of rail links.

"Smooth power supply for irrigation will be ensured here through load management. Shops and business centres would be closed after 8:00pm as part of the programme," he said.

"Navigability problem in the Jamuna often hampers fuel supply in the northern region. We have already ordered the concerned authorities to keep navigability in the river for smooth fuel supply for irrigation in the region," the state minister

told high officials of PDB and BPC during the visit.

"We have a plan to establish a rail link between Ullapara and Baghabari for fuel supply if the navigability problem cannot be solved," he said.

Expressing satisfaction after visiting the BPC oil depots in Baghabari, the state minister said there is no possibility of fuel crisis in this season.

The Baghabari oil depots with a total of 33 thousand litre capacity now contain 30 thousand litres of oil.

The demand of fuel for irrigation in the northern region in the summer season is 65 thousand litres.

## CMCH patient falls from 2nd floor, dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A female patient died after falling from the second floor of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday.

Joynab Akhter, 25, wife of Jashimuddin of Rangikhalai in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, suddenly fell down the ground floor from the second floor of the hospital where she was being taken for medication at about 8:30am, CMCH sources and police said. As she tried to look down holding the railing, she met the tragic incident.

She was immediately rushed to the Neuro-surgery Department where she succumbed to her injuries at about 9:00am, police said.

## Kashipur jail guard hacked by convict

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The chief jail guard of Kashipur Central Jail in Gazipur was seriously injured when a life-term convict hacked him with a kitchen machete on Tuesday.

The convict, Thandu Mollah, 40, struck jail guard Subedar Kuddus Sarkar, 42, on the right arm during a brawl that ensued the jail authorities' decision to separate Thandu from his prison mate Tota Mia with whom he had a quarrel earlier, said Jail Super Sagor Mia. Other prisoners rushed to stop Thandu.

Subedar Kuddus was immediately rushed to Gazipur Sadar Hospital from where he was shifted to National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation.

Thandu is a convict in an arms case, the jail super said.

## 40 hurt as Hizbut Towhid men clash with villagers in Noakhali

### 30 activists held, CDs, books, leaflets seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 40 people, including five policemen, were injured in a clash between Hizbut Towhid activists and villagers at Porkora village under Chasirhat Union of Sonaimuri upazila on Tuesday night.

Of them, three villagers received bullet injuries and are now undergoing treatment at Sonaimuri Hospital. They are Anisul Haq, Shahadat and Nurul Haque.

The angry villagers ransacked the house of Hizbut Towhid district Ameer Main Uddin and set it afire. Police fire 16 shots and tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

Police arrested 30 Hizbut Towhid men, including 12 women workers, and seized leaflets, books and CDs at the house of the district ameer.

Receiving information that a group of Hizbut Towhid workers were holding a meeting at Sobhan Miah's house at the village at around 7:00pm, local people surrounded the house. At one stage, the Hizbut Towhid's men started hurling brickbats at the villagers and chased them.

After a few minutes, the villagers made counter attack, leading to a fierce clash between the two sides.

On information, a police team from Sonaimuri Police Station, led by ASP

(Circle) Hasanuzzaman, went to the spot. They fired bullets and tear gas shells to disperse the clashing groups. During the clash, 40 people, including five policemen, were injured.

The injured policemen are Babul Chandra Banik, officer-in-charge of Sonaimuri Police Station, and constables Abul Kalam, Wahidur Rahman, Shushil and Kalam. They along with other injured were admitted to local health complex.

A case has been filed with Sonaimuri Police Station against the arrestees.

Local people said over 200 people (male and female) are active in the area under the banner of Hizbut Towhid.



Worried to save paddy plants, a farmer pours water on his dried up land at Bhekutia village in Arabpur under Jessore district. Like many other places, the area gets scanty irrigation due to erratic power supply.

## Martyred FF's son sues 11 'rajakars' in Bagerhat

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Son of a martyred freedom fighter (FF) yesterday lodged an FIR (first information report) with Kachua Police Station accusing 11 'rajakars' of killing his father during Liberation War in 1971.

Alamgir Howlader, son of freedom fighter Ather Ali Howlader, lodged the FIR accusing Afzal Howlader, 60, Monir Howlader, 62, Jalaluddin, 61, Shahid Howlader and his elder brother Sarwar Howlader, 65, Abdul Aziz, 60, Maksud Mollik, 70, Anower Seikh, 62, Basharat Howlader, 55,

Lokman Mollik, 62, and Anwar Fakir, 52, of Madhobkhati, Larkul, Khandhapara and Bogha villages under the upazila.

The complainant stated that on December 3 in 1971, the rajakars gunned down his father Ather Ali Howlader near Bhasa Bazar of the upazila.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Masudul Alam of Kachua Police Station recorded the FIR under sections 302 and 334 of Bangladesh Penal Code. Sub-Inspector Akram Hossain has been made investigation officer (IO).

## Sacked Milk Vita staff agitate to get back jobs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

The sacked workers and employees of Baghabari Milk Vita Company Ltd yesterday staged demonstrations demanding reinstatement.

They brought out a procession in the Baghabari port area and held a rally in front of the factory.

At the rally, they urged the authorities concerned to reinstate the dismissed workers and employees as early as possible. Otherwise, they threatened to launch a tougher agitation programme

to realise the demand.

The immediate past caretaker government sacked about 400 workers and employees of the company during its tenure. The jobless workers and employees have been agitating to get back their jobs since the Awami League-led grand alliance came to power.

An official of the company seeking anonymity told The Daily Star that the sacked workers and employees held several agitation programmes in the last two months hampering normal production of the company.

## World Food Programme Bangladesh SALE NOTICE

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) intends to sale a lot of used ICT equipment and two used duty free vehicles. Sealed quotations are invited from the interested potential buyers.

The equipment for sale is detailed as follows. The list of equipment will be delivered to the potential buyer at the display location

SI No.	Type	Acquisition Year	No of Equipment
1	Camera	1998 - 2007	10
2	Desktop Computer CPU	1998 - 2005	72
3	Computer Monitor	1991 - 2005	76
4	Desk Phone	1984 - 2005	20
5	Fax	1997 - 2002	3
6	Laptop computer	1999 - 2003	44
7	Mobile Phone set	2001 - 2006	43
8	Printer	1992 - 2004	15
9	Projector	2000	1
10	Scanner	2001	1
11	Server Computer	2001 - 2003	4
12	Solar Panel	2001	2
13	UPS	1991 - 2008	33
14	Toyota Land Cruiser	1996 & 1999	2 (1 is non-operative)

ICT equipment and one vehicle will be displayed on 15 & 16 March 2009 from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon at WFP office, IDB Bhaban. Interested buyers may inspect the equipment during the mentioned time and interested buyers are invited to send their detailed proposals in sealed envelope, marked "Sale of ICT equipment" and "Sale of vehicle" as appropriate, addressed to the Representative, World Food Programme, IDB Bhaban (17<sup>th</sup> Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, by 17 March 2009 at or before 14.00 pm.

Display of non-operative vehicle: At the warehouse of Homebound at 45/B, Road 126, Gulshan-1 (opposite of Singer showroom, near to DESCO and FERdous Tower, on 15 & 16 March 2009 from 15.00 to 16.00 hours.

Bid Bond: Pay Order/Demand Draft in favor of World Food Programme, Dhaka covering 2.5% of the quoted total price for both ICT equipment and vehicles categories has to be submitted as bid bond. However, in the event of failing to sustain the accepted proposal, the bid bond will be forfeited. The bid bond for unsuccessful bidders will be refunded soon after finalization of selection. For successful bidders, bid bond will be refunded after the signing of the contract.

A Bill of Sale and Handover: A bill of sale and goods handover agreement will have to be signed by the buyers.

Mode of Payment: The successful bidder(s) shall make full payment to WFP no later than 3 days after official notification in certified cheque or a bank draft and collect the equipment within one week from official date of notification after completing all the necessary formalities. Failure to do so will result cancellation of the offer. Any transfer and transport expenses shall be borne by the successful bidder.

Security deposit for vehicles: The successful bidder/s will have to deposit 5% of the total quoted price as security money in the form of pay order/demand draft or a bank guarantee in favour of World Food Programme, Dhaka at the time of signing of the contract. If the winner fails to take delivery of the vehicles within one week after having necessary clearance from NBR and Customs, the security deposit will be forfeited and WFP will have all the right to cancel the sale agreement.

Tax assessment for vehicles: The successful bidder/s will be responsible for tax assessment and customs clearance formalities as assessed and levied by NBR/Customs office on such imported cars. The vehicles will only be delivered to the buyer upon production of the tax payment certificate. The successful buyer/s must collect the vehicles within one week after completing NBR and Custom formalities. WFP reserves the right to cancel this tender if it deemed necessary.

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### Corrigendum of International Tender Notice

Invitation for international tender notice published in different national dailies as per memo No. E&T/18(2008-2009) dated 14/01/2009 is hereby amended as follows:

Sl No	Description	Published	Revised
1.	Tender closing date and time	12-03-2009 at 12.00 pm	19-03-2009 at 12.00 pm.
2.	Tender opening date and time	12-03-2009 at 12.30 pm	19-03-2009 at 12.30 pm

Other terms and conditions shall remain as before.

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