

Unlawful campaign by lawmakers in Bogra

11 to contest Apr 2 by-polls in Rangpur, Kurigram

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Several lawmakers of Bogra district, both from ruling Awami League (AL) and main opposition BNP, are taking part in the campaign for their party candidates, ignoring Election Commission (EC) directives, reports our staff correspondent from Bogra.

AL central Organising Secretary Abdul Mannan, also lawmaker for Bogra-1 constituency, AL MP Habibur Rahman Habib (Bogra-5), BNP lawmakers advocate AKM Hafizur Rahman (Bogra-2) and Abdul Momin Talukder Khoka (Bogra-3) are among the violators of the EC rule.

Other acts of violating election rules, committed by candidates or their men, include pasting posters on walls of private and public buildings and conducting campaign after 8:00pm.

Earlier Election Commissioner Muhammed Sohul Hussain told a meeting at Bogra Circuit House Auditorium on March 15 that the EC sent a letter to the Parliament Secretariat asking it to see that that local law-

makers do not go to the constituencies at the time of by-election campaign.

Bogra Returning Office warned Momtajuddin, AL candidate for Bogra-6 (Sadar), not to violate election rules after the latter distributed government-funded Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) cards in Shakerkola, Lahiripara and Phapore unions in Bogra Sadar upazila during his recent election campaign.

Moulana Anisur Rahman, principal of Domunpukur Madrasa in Shahjahanpur upazila, said over cell phone yesterday that Abdul Mannan, lawmaker from Bogra-1 (Sonatola-Sariakandi), visited the institution and attended a meeting with teachers and local people on Sunday noon. The lawmaker also attended a cultural programme along with Momtajuddin at Bogra Zila Parishad Auditorium on March 21.

Habibur Rahman Habib, lawmaker for Bogra-5 (Dhunat-Sherpur) constituency, attended an election campaign in favour of AL candidate Momtajuddin at

Muktijoddha Sangsad office in Bogra town on Saturday.

The same day, BNP lawmaker advocate AKM Hafizur Rahman (Bogra-2 -- Shibganj) and Abdul Momin Talukder Khoka (Bogra-3 -- Dupchanchia-Adamdighi) attended a public meeting at Atafunnesa playground as part of election campaign for former speaker barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, BNP candidate for Bogra-6 constituency.

Khoka attended another public meeting in favour of BNP candidate for Bogra-7 barrister Moudud Ahmed at Tarafsharta Madrassa in Gabtoli upazila of Bogra district on March 27.

Meanwhile, additional security measures have been taken for 94 of the 162 polling centres under two constituencies in Bogra district, as law enforcement agencies and local election office have identified them as what they say 'important' ahead of the by-election.

The remaining polling centres under Bogra-6 (Sadar) and Bogra-7 (Gabtoli-Shahjahanpur) constituencies are considered 'normal'.

To ensure security at all polling centres during the election, 1500-strong forces will be deployed, Bogra Superintendent of Police Md Akram Hossain said.

Our Rangpur Correspondent adds: Eleven candidates are contesting from Kurigram-2, Rangpur-3 and Rangpur-6 constituencies in April 2 by-election.

AL nominee grand alliance candidate Abul Kalam Azad, BNP candidate Noor Mohammad Mondol and Gano Front leader Abed Ali are contesting in Rangpur-6 (Pirganj) constituency.

In Rangpur-3 (Sadar upazila), Jatiya Party Presidium Member Raushan Ershad, BNP central committee member and district unit President Rahim Uddin Varosa, Khelafat Majlish leader Sirajul Islam and Gano Front leader Krishak Sadek are the contestants.

In Kurigram-2, four candidates are in the poll race. They are AL leader Zafar Ali, Golam Habib Dulal of JP, Tajul Islam Choudhury of BNP and Golam Mostafa of Islami Shashantanra Andolon.

15 sued for '71 killing in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Son of a person martyred in the liberation war lodged a case with a Rajshahi court yesterday accusing 15 people for killing of his father Taher Mondol, a freedom fighter, during 1971 Liberation War.

The court of judicial magistrate Rejaul Karim took the case of Abed Ali Mondol into cognizance and ordered Bagmara police to investigate the matter and take legal action.

The accused are Kutub Ali, Abdul Aziz, Shahidul Haque, Nur Mohammad, Nurul Islam, Nur Mohammad, Ayub Ali, Saber Ali, Afsar Ali, Ansar Ali, Abdul Mazid Ali, Abdur Rahman, Sajuna Ali, Abdus Salam and Abdul Mazid.

The plaintiff alleged that the accused are infamous war criminals and some of them are members of Jamaat-e-Islami.

The accused attacked village Islabari on the night of August 25 in 1971 and killed several people including Taher Mondol. Besides, the attackers looted houses and abused women, he said.

Two other similar cases of murders in Mohonpur upazila are also under investigation.



PHOTO: STAR
Fishermen preparing to fish in Tentulia River in Char Fasson upazila in Bhola. Inset, huge quantity of hilsa is still sold in wholesale markets and transported to other districts.

Hilsa catching goes on defying ban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Fishermen in the coastal areas of the southern region continue Hilsa catching despite a two-month ban from March 1.

The government imposed the ban to save the fry in the breeding season in 340 kilometre area which includes estuary and rivers.

But the initiative is falling flat for lack of wide publicity and slack enforcement of ban due to poor coordination among the departments concerned.

The ban covers the rivers of Ilsha, Meghna, Tentulia, Bishkhali and Padma of Barisal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Munshiganj, Chandpur and Laxmipur regions.

Locals said hundreds of fishermen are still using banned current nets in Uttar Tazumuddin to Poshchim Syed Awalia areas, in the north-west of the Meghna, and on the River Tetulia under Bhola district.

Although the officials of district and upazila administration, naval forces, coast guards, police and other law enforcing agencies are on patrol, they seldom seize the banned net.

The fishermen, however, say they catch Hilsa including Jatka (fry) as they have no other

means to survive.

"We are poor people. How will we survive if we do not catch fish?" posed Ahmed Ali, a fisherman of Tazumuddin upazila in Bhola.

Another fisherman said, "We are ready to give up fishing during the ban if we get alternative work for our survival."

They said hundreds of maunds of Jatka are still being sold daily in wholesale markets at Gazipur and Talatali in Bhola Sadar; Chowkigata and Kazirhat in Daulat Khan; Shoshiganj and Char Zahiruddin in Tajumuddin; Mongol Sikder and Lord Hardinge in Lalmonohar and Betna, Char Kossopia and Dhal Char in Char Fasson upazila in Bhola district.

Rafiq Sadiq, a fish trader at Tazumuddin said hundreds of maunds of catches are sent to Dhaka and other parts in the country every day from these markets.

Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director of Barisal divisional office of fisheries directorate told The Daily Star that district and upazila administrations, naval forces, coast guards, police and other law enforcing agencies are strictly imposing the restriction and taking action against the violators.



Awami League MP Habibur Rahman Habib sitting beside party candidate in Bogra-6 (Sadar) Momtajuddin as the latter addresses a meeting in Bogra town, right, Jinal Abedin Faruq, Opposition Chief Whip, conducting a campaign for BNP candidate former speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar.



PHOTO: STAR/BANGLA CHOKH
Police early yesterday arrested an activist of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) from Bajee Golaikandi village in Bagmara upazila.

Bangla Bhai's aide held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police early yesterday arrested an activist of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) from Bajee Golaikandi village in Bagmara upazila.

JMB cadre Fazlur Rahman, 28, was arrested from his house on his return from Maldives where he had fled to evade arrest, police said.

An accused in several cases for alleged torture on opponents, Fazlur was an aide to executed JMB leader Siddikul Islam Bangla Bhai, police said.

Monindra Lal sent to jail on surrender

CU CORRESPONDENT

A court in the port city yesterday sent former Khagrachhari District Council chairman Monindra Lal Tripura to jail after he surrendered before the court for bail in Anupam Tripura murder case.

Judge Shafiqul Karim of the Speedy Trial Tribunal, Chittagong, rejected his bail petition and sent him to jail, court sources said.

Monindra was arrested on October 31 last year while returning to Chittagong from Dhaka.

He was granted bail in the case by Khagrachhari District Court. He had to surrender before the Speedy Trial Tribunal since the case was shifted there.

Khagrachhari District Council member Anupam Tripura, brother of Additional Inspector General of Police Naba Bikram Kishore Tripura, was murdered at a residential hotel in the capital on July 11 last year.

His wife Alpina Tripura filed a case with Khagrachhari Police Station the following day. Police then arrested six people - Porendra Lal Tripura, Kulnath Boishnob, Shanti Bikash Chakma, Mosharrif Hossain, Awal Gazi and Humayun Kabir - in connection with the murder.

3 indigenous men held with arms in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Army personnel arrested three indigenous people with three firearms at Ulum Para under Alikadam upazila of the district early yesterday.

The arrestees are Maan Mro, Thing Wang Mro and Naoring Mro.

Acting on a tip-off, an army team of Alikadam zone raided the area at around 3:00am and arrested the three with three rifles.

The arrested indigenous people were taken to army zonal headquarter at Alikadam for interrogation.

Meanwhile, intelligence agency men arrested four people for suspicious movement at Roangchari jeep station near Bandarban town on Sunday night.

They were identified as Plabon Chakma (Sumon), 34, Mono Kumar Chakma, 22, Chiro Jyoti Chakma, 20, and Kiron Jyoti Chakma, 20.

3 Jamaat men held in two districts

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Police yesterday arrested three Jamaat men in Gopalganj and Thakurgaon on charges of planning subversive activities and selling controversial books.

Ameer of Muksudpur upazila Jamaat-e-Islami in Gopalganj Md Shahidul Islam alias Jahangir Mollah was arrested allegedly for planning subversive activities.

Vice principal of Lohair Fazil madrasa, Shahidul hails from Rakhalgati village in Nagarkanda upazila under Faridpur district, reports a correspondent.

Muksudpur police said, Shahidul held secret meetings with 50 to 60 Shibir cadres on March 19 night and March 20 morning. Police raided the house on March 20 but

Shahidul and Shibir cadres managed to flee.

Shahidul was arrested yesterday from the house under Section 54 and produced in Gopalganj judicial magistrate's court. The court sent him to jail.

Our correspondent from Thakurgaon adds: Two Jamaat activists were arrested for selling controversial books at Collegepara under Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon.

The arrestees are Shujan, 18, and his father Zahedul Islam, a fourth class employee of Water Development Board, Thakurgaon.

Police and locals said the two were selling a book named "Jamaat ebong Jammaat netritter biruddhey juddhapradher obhijog mittha o uddesha pronoitita" published by Jamaat-e-Islami.

Satkhira BCL, JP clash: 25 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

At least 25 people were injured in a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiya Party (JP-Ershad) at Shyamnagar upazila headquarters on Sunday night.

The trouble began at around 7:30pm when some JP activists threw brickbats on a BCL procession in front of Bismillah Market. The BCL took out the procession protesting dissolution of their upazila unit by the district committee.

After a few minutes, the BCL activists swooped on the JP men and ransacked their local office, which led to a clash between the activists of

the ruling Awami League's student front and the grand alliance partner.

Witnesses said they used sharp weapons and hurled brickbats at each other during the clash that continued for about three hours, leaving 25 from both sides injured. Of them, BCL activists Abdul Kader, Suman, SM Abdus Sattar, Shaheed Sobhan and Ayub Ali and JP activists Hashem Ali, Alamgir, Mithu, Babu and Keramat Ali were admitted to upazila Health Complex. The rest were given first aid.

Police charged batons on the clashing groups and brought the situation under control. Local BCL and JP leaders blamed each other for the incident.

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Woman assaults Rab women

CU CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a woman for assaulting two female Rab members at the temporary camp of Rab-7 at Chittagong International Trade Fair (CITF) ground on Sunday.

The arrestee, Farzana Khan, 30, is wife of Shabbaz Ahmed, captain of a ship and resident of city's Khushi area.

Sources said one Mohsinul Haque complained to the on-duty Rab at the CITF camp that a woman assaulted him with sandal on the fair ground at around 6.30pm.

Female Rab members at the camp rushed to the spot and brought Farzana to the camp for questioning.

During interrogation, Farzana got angry and allegedly misbehaved with the Rab members. At one stage, she slapped Rab member Rita Biswas. Another member Sultana was also assaulted as she was trying to resist Farzana, said a press release of Rab-7 yesterday evening.

Rab-7 then arrested Farzana on charge of barring the Rab members from performing duty. Later, she was handed over to Kotwali police after filing of a case.

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04	Procuring entity district	Chittagong		
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06	Invitation tender Ref No. & date	(a) ER/PUR/IT-19/2009 (Re-Tender) dt. 19-03-2009. b) ER/PUR/IT-20/2009 dt. 19-03-2009.		
07	Procurement method	Open Tendering with International Competition (OTM).		
08	Budget and source of funds	ERL's own source.		
09	Eligibility of tenderer	As stated in the tender document.		
10	Tender last selling date & time	(a) 19-04-2009 up to 16:00 hours BST. (b) 04-05-2009 up to 16:00 hours BST.		
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