



'Mastermind' held in Kolkata

STAR REPORT

An alleged mastermind of the grenade attack on an Awami League rally on August 21, 2004, on Bangabandhu Avenue was arrested at the eastern fringe of Kolkata Sunday.

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Rab arrests 2 BCL leaders

DU CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) early yesterday arrested two top central leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on charge of disrupting SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

April 14		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
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of Aug 21 attack Farmers harassed over anti-salinity campaign

Owners of shrimp enclosures trying to foil their initiative thru' filing false cases

AMENA KHATUN, back from Khulna

Farmers in Paikgachcha and Dakop upazilas in Khulna are facing different kinds of harassment, including filing of false cases against them, from shrimp farmers in the area because of their anti-saline water campaign.

The farmers allege that shrimp enclosure (gher) owners also hired goons to release saline water into their fields through sluice gates surrounding polders 20, 32 and 33 at night, causing huge damage to their Boro crop.

gradually grabbed the leased out land over the years.

"On March 9, 2009 at around 11:00pm, at least 25 to 30 hired goons of gher owners Mantu Sheikh, Shawakat Mollah, Jalal Sheikh, Majedul Biswas, Selim Sheikh, Kalyan Mistri, Bikash

Mallik and Birupakkah released saline water through sluice gate no 9 at Madhukhali in Deluti union under Paikgachha upazila, Madhukhali villager Provash Roy, 50, told The Daily Star.

"On hearing this, around 300 villagers from Deluti and Lata unions under the upazila rushed to the spot and chased them away," Roy

Following this incident, one of the gher owners, Mantu Sheikh filed separate false cases against seven people with the local police They also said that many gher owners have station alleging different offensive activities.

Taibur Rahaman, one of the 22 victims of false cases filed by another gher owner Rais Uddin, said that Rais filed cases against them for protesting the intrusion of saline water in Saharabad, Kalinagar, Kamarkhola, under SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

Govt failed a bit to contain campus violence Says commerce

minister

UNB, Dhaka

Commerce Minister Faruk Khan yesterday said the government has failed "a bit" in controlling violence in the educational institutions.

"This (controlling campus violence) is the only failure of the government in its first 100 SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Wasa bigwigs 'forced' to quit Graft allegations found

TAWFIQUE ALI

Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) allegedly resigned under pressure from the government, Wasa official sources said.

The MD was forced to resign for indulging in corruption, SEE PAGE 6 COL 4





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EC seeks educational certificates of SQ Chy, Ruhul Amin

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Election Commission (EC) ignored electoral laws allowing BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Jatiya Party Secretary General ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader to contest the December 29 parliamentary election last year but now it has moved to enforce those.

Both of them, now lawmakers of the ninth parliament, had provided incomplete information about their educational qualification in the affidavits, and as per electoral laws they were supposed to be declared disqualified for contesting the polls.

But on their verbal promise to submit copies of certificates of their educational qualification 'as early as possible', the EC allowed them

to contest the national election. Both are yet to do so, EC sources said.

The commission yesterday sent letters asking them to submit attested copies of their certificates on or before May 31.

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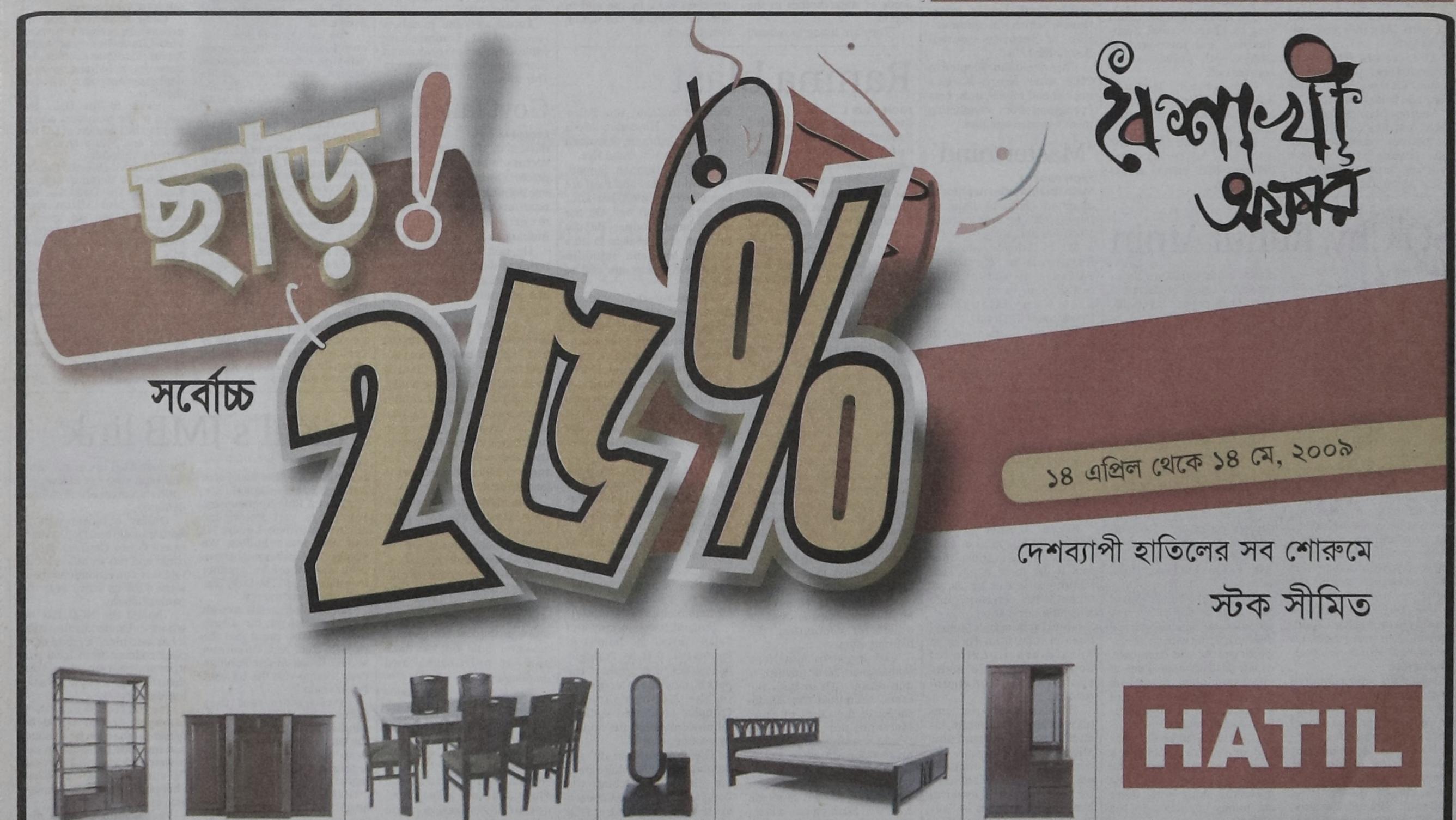
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