

# Outlaws also apply in Khulna for withdrawal of cases

*Others include incumbent, former mayors and party leaders*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two underground operatives, charge-sheeted in murder and other criminal cases filed against them during the last ten years, have also filed petitions with the deputy commissioner of Khulna to withdraw the cases.

They are Imran Kabir, second-in-command of outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP), and KM Shamim Akhter, an armed cadre of the outfit. Imran has been charge-sheeted in six murder and nine other criminal cases while Shamim in seven murder and eight other criminal cases.

Besides, CPB leader Advocate Firoz Ahmed and Muslim League leader Advocate Akhter Jahan Ruku are also among 122 others who have applied for withdrawing two murder cases filed against them.

The prominent politicians who

have petitioned to withdraw cases against them include incumbent Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Talukder Abdul Khaleque, two former mayors, Kazi Aminul Huq of Awami League and Sheikh Tayebur Rahman of BNP, and Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) leader Advocate ABM Nurul Alam.

Mayor Khaleque, also the president of Khulna City Awami League, has filed a petition seeking withdrawal of a case filed against him in 2008 for gambling at the residence of one of his friends at Gagan Babu Road under Khulna Sadar Police Station.

Former mayor Kazi Aminul Huq has applied for withdrawing two cases while Sheikh Tayebur Rahman for ten cases.

Jatiya Party (JP) central vice-president and ex-lawmaker Abdul Gaffar Biswas has submitted a petition

to the DC to withdraw two cases filed against him with Khalishpur Police Station in 2007 under Arms Act and Narcotics Control Act.

Three women suspected to be closely linked with underground organisations are also among the petitioners.

The women are Nira Begum, Sabina Yesmin and Shahida Begum. Nira faces 17 cases, Sabina 14 cases and Shahida 22 cases. Most of the cases were filed against them for their participation in committing murders by the outlaws and passing information about the targets.

The petitioners also include a top criminal who has got his petition recommended by a lawmaker of Khulna.

A high official of Khulna district administration told The Daily Star that most of the cases against political leaders and leaders of their front

organisations were filed during the last caretaker government. But over a hundred petitioners are not at all political men, he said.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Khan Mohammad Rezaul Karim said all the petitions have been forwarded to the Public Prosecutor (PP) for his opinion after perusal.

The PP is supposed to send the petitions after checking and rechecking background of the petitioners with his opinion to the deputy commissioner, Khulna.

When asked, PP Abu Shahin ruled out any possibility of considering the petitions of the criminals.

"Only the cases filed to defame political persons during the rule of the four-party alliance government and last caretaker government will be sent to the review committee of the home ministry," said the PP.



Affected with gummosis disease, a mango tree at Court Bagan in Chapainawabganj town is now in a dying state.

## Signs of gummosis worry mango growers

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Hundreds of mango trees in the district are being affected with gummosis disease, locally known as athajhora rog, much to the worry of mango growers.

Symptom of the disease is that the affected tree starts secretion of gum at a particular point, it spreads throughout the body within three to six months and then the tree dies.

It is a fungal disease caused by lasiodiplodia-theobromae, scientists of Regional Horticulture Research Station, Chapainawabganj, said after observing the disease at different places in the district.

The disease was first

detected two years ago in several mango trees of Kansat Razar Bagan, one of the largest mango orchards in the district.

The scientists came to know that the disease first spread in the mango orchard from nearby shishu trees that had been infected with the disease. Several shishu trees also died of this disease.

The disease, which normally spreads from November to March, has also affected some other orchards in the district, sources said, adding that 100 to 150 years old trees are also dying of this disease.

Several mango farmers complained that they are not getting any cooperation from the Regional Horticulture Research Station in

this regard.

The scientists of the station, however, claimed that they always give advice to the farmers when they come to the station.

If the disease could be detected at initial stages, the trees could be saved using Bordeaux paste, said Sharif Uddin, a scientific officer of the station, adding, "We have saved some of the infected mango trees of the premises of Chapainawabganj Government College and Shah Neyamat Ullah College in the town."

"We are trying to find out the other associate pathogens to come to the final conclusion," said Mosharraf Hossain, scientific officer, the Plant Pathology Department of the station.



Lifting earth from the bank of Naboganga at Gobordanga point in Harinakundu upazila of Jhenidah continues by an influential person under the nose of administration.

## Pack of land grabbers threatens Naboganga

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Indiscriminate lifting of earth from the banks of the Naboganga by local land grabbers is threatening the river and its surroundings.

Everyday a huge quantity of earth is sold by cutting the banks of the river under the nose of district administration.

The course of the river at Mathurapur and Pormathurapur points is changing while its water is flooding the nearby villages damaging crops in the rainy season due to mindless earth lifting, locals and environmentalists alleged.

Visiting the spot this correspondent found that a good number of musclemen of local land grabbers have built houses and markets occupying the river's land and selling earth by rampantly cutting its bank. The most threatened areas are Gilabaria, Mathurapur of the town and Chandpur, Hakimpur, Daulatpur and Gobordanga where a huge quantity of earth is lifted and sold every day.

In a complaint submitted recently to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) one Aktar Hossain

of Mathurapur village said that the owners of a brick kiln had destroyed the earth of khas land at Hakimpur Mouza. Nobody dares to open mouth as the land grabber is powerful, he alleged.

Villagers alleged that a land grabber hailing from Batia-danga under Harinakunda upazila is selling earth by cutting the bank of the Naboganga river at Gobordanga point. He is doing a brisk business allegedly by selling earth at Tk 200 per trolley. If this goes on, the nearby areas will be in a great danger, villagers said expressing fear.

Convenor of district environment and animal protection committee lamented that all their appeals to save the river went unheeded. "We have submitted memo to the DC twice urging him to take stern steps but to no effect. So we shall launch an agitation involving the people of Jhenidah soon to evict the land grabbers," he said.

Contacted, DC Rafiqul Islam said he received a memo recently.

"I will take stern action against the persons involved in such illegal activities," he said.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

### Six-year-old girl raped

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

A six-year-old girl was raped at Kotalipara in Gopalganj on Friday. The girl is now undergoing treatment at Kotalipara upazila health complex. The parents of the girl, a student of class one, filed a case with Kotalipara police station. According to police, the victim's family and locals, neighbour Suranjan Roy, 20, took the girl to a jute field at Uttar Para village and raped her and left her there profusely bleeding. Suranjan is now absconding.

### Rainwater floods low-lying areas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Several areas of Gaibandha Sadar, Fulchhari and Shaghata upazilas were flooded due to heavy rain in the last three days. Standing crops, especially IRRI-Boro, on a vast tract of land have been badly affected. Outskirts of Gaibandha Pourashava went under knee-deep water causing much sufferings to the dwellers on DB Road, Circular Road, Munshipara, Bridge Road and Sarkerpara. The other affected areas are Goderhat, Boali, Badiakhali, Rasoolpur, Bhaserpara, Balashi, Ketkirhat, Kalasona, Ratanpur, Mashamari and Nilkuthi where rainwater submerged Boro crops and vegetable fields.

### Lightning kills four

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Four people were killed by lightning in Meghna, Langolkot and Choudhagram upazilas of the district yesterday. The dead are Md Lokman Hossain, 26, of Chandgaon village and Md Faruk, 28, of Purnkot village under Langolkot upazila, Ali Asraf, 35, of Barash village in Choudhagram upazila, and Joy Mah, 65, of Bowpara village in Meghna upazila.

### Suspected intruder arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

A suspected Indian citizen was arrested at Marichia near Janali para army camp on Friday when he was suspiciously moving around the Bangladesh-Myanmar border area. Sree Mridul, 35, was taken to the army camp and after preliminary quiz handed over to Alikadam Police Station. A case was filed with Alikadam PS accusing him of illegal border crossing. Mridul does not understand Bangla and speaks only English, police said.

### Bombs found in shop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police recovered two bombs from a cosmetic shop at Halidani Bazar under Sadar upazila on Friday. During the raid police said they found the bombs in a carton. None was arrested after the shop owner claimed innocence saying somebody might have kept it in his shop due to previous enmity.

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Chief Executive  
Proshika IAF Trust



## PUBALI BANK LIMITED

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(ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)  
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3. Time for completion of the work : 20 (Twenty) Calendar days.
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Md. Rasul Amin  
General Manager

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