

## 23 face war crime charges in 3 districts

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Twenty-three more people have been sued for their alleged involvement in war crimes in Magura, Gazipur and Chapainawabganj districts in 1971.

A petition case was filed with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Magura, yesterday against 13 alleged raskars for killing Kabir Hossain of Mollapara in Magura town on July 19, 1971. Md Sharif Islam Nannu filed the case, according to our correspondent.

The accused are MA Awal, Mohammad Kabir Hossain, Mahbubur Rahman, Md Khokon Chowdhury, Atiar Rahman and Nazrul Islam and Md Hafiz Khan of Magura town, Moshilul Alam Hasnu of Sreerampur, Khondoker Abu Fateh of Mirzapur, Abu Bakar of Berol, Khaledur Rahman of kalupara village in Magura Sadar upazila, Abdur Rashid of Chhoyghoria and Abdur Rashid (2) of Shatnupur villages in Shalikha upazila.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Sheikh Jalaluddin asked the officer-in-charge of Magura Sadar Police Station to accept the case as an FIR (first information report) and submit a report to the court after proper investigation.

In Gazipur, a case was filed with Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday against six alleged raskars.

Mariam Begum, wife of freedom fighter Sahajuddin of Lohagachha village under Sreepur upazila, filed the case. The accused are Afsaruddin Bhuiyan, Rashid, Abul

Hashem, Abul Kashem (1), Abul Kashem (2) and Jasimuddin of the village, reports UNB.

In the case statement, the complainant said the accused stormed into their house on October 15, 1971 and tortured her two brothers-in-law. They picked up her sister-in-law, took her to a nearby jungle and raped her, she alleged.

She further said the accused looted valuables from the house and set fire to it.

Our correspondent from C'nawabganj reported that two separate cases were filed with Judicial Magistrate's Court here yesterday accusing four alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces for killing two brothers—Zillur Rahman and Astar Hossain Gomostapur upazila on June 16, 1971.

Zillur was killed at Rahanpur High School ground while Astar on the premises of Gomostapur Police Station.

The accused are Mohammad Abdul Khaleque, and Mohammad Mainul Haque of Nimtola khatal village, Ziaur Rahman alias Dhulu of Rahanpur Bazar and Mohammad Harun of Bogla village under Gomostapur upazila of the district.

Mobarak Hossain and Abdul Khaleque, two cousins of Zahidnagar village under the upazila, filed two separate cases against the accused for killing their fathers.

The court recorded the statements of the complainants and asked the officer-in-charge of Gomostapur Police Station to investigate the cases.

SEQUEL TO AL LEADER MURDER ON FRIDAY

## 3 more houses torched, 7 damaged in Bagmara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Over 100 arsonists torched three more houses and damaged houses of seven other people in presence of police at Balia village in Bagmara yesterday allegedly in retaliation for Friday's murder of an Awami League (AL) leader.

Led by Akbar Ali, Maria UP chairman, the arsonists also looted households and cattle from some houses, said witnesses.

The owners of the attacked houses include 15 accused in the case filed with Bagmara police for the murder of AL leader Shahadat Ali.

Local AL blamed Jamaat-e Islami men for the murder saying they were partners in Bangla Bhai led JMB gang's operations in 2004.

Shahadat Ali, also a madrasa teacher, was stabbed to death near his Balia house on Friday. Police arrested suspected JMB man Sayed Ali while five houses were torched by a group over the murder on the same day.

The attacks were launched after the accused went into hiding along with their family members since filing of the case, said police and villagers. Finding none at the houses, angry AL supporters swooped on the houses at around 9am, they said.

The attackers razed to ground the brick-built tin-



A group of people set fire to the houses of three persons at Balia village in Bagmara upazila of Rajshahi yesterday suspecting their hands in the killing of AL leader Shahadat Ali of the same village on Friday.

shed houses of Seher Amin and his sons Shamsul, Amser, Amjad and Ashaful. Then they set afire a portion of the house of Shamsul on the day of the killing.

Yesterday the arsonists marched to the houses of Bahar Uddin and his sons Mozahar, Azahar, Shahar Ali, Ali Hossain and Moksed of Balia village.

After damaging their clay-made houses, they torched three houses of Shahar Ali and Bahar Uddin, said witnesses adding many attackers were seen taking away the households and cattle-heads from the houses.

The rampage continued for nearly three hours but police were silent onlookers, said witnesses.

Nasir Uddin Zubayer, Assistant Superintendent Of Police who was at the scene said quoting villagers "The accused torched their own houses while fleeing away".

Local AL lawmaker Enamul Haque blamed Jamaat-e Islami for the murder and the incidents of arson and said that the evil forces are conspiring to create confusion by setting their houses on fire.

The MP at a protest meeting held at Jatragachhi

madrasa ground yesterday afternoon also assured of bringing to book the murderers and the arsonists.

On Saturday, the officer-in-charge of Bagmara Police Station Shahabuddin Khalifa was closed to the police line for neglect to duty, said ASM Masum Rabbani, superintendent of police in Rajshahi. Harun-ur Rashid, Rajshahi Court inspector replaced him as the new OC.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Anwar Zahid and two sub inspectors Abdus Sattar and Emdadul Bashar were also withdrawn from Bagmara PS, said the SP.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

### Rapist beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An alleged rapist was beaten to death by angry villagers on Saturday evening at Kesobpara village under Khansama upazila. Police said, Nazrul Islam, 50, was son of late Motiur Rahman of village Chawkdubulia of Nilphamari Sadar upazila. Locals alleged that Nazrul picked up a 12-year-old girl from her home village Angapara and attempted to rape her at a lonely place on the day. Hearing screaming of the girl villagers rescued her and beat Nazrul to death.

### Heroin peddler to die

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday awarded death penalty to a drug peddler and life term to another in a case for possessing 1,100 grams of heroin. Saiful Islam who was sentenced to death hails from village Folakhali of Pirojpur Sadar and Delwar Mallik, the other convict is from Khamonda in Gournadi of Barisal. On December 22, 2008, a BDR team stopped a passenger coach of Hanif Paribahan at Humayun Rashid Square. They recovered a packet of 1,100 grams of heroin from the possession of Saiful and Delwar who came to Sylhet city from the capital. Both were found guilty following a case filed against them.

### Lightning kills two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Lightning killed two of a family at Rajapur village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon. The victims are Sobed Khatun, 40, wife of Belal Hossain and her daughter Kulsum Khatun, 14. Kulsum was a student of class nine. Police and locals said they died on the spot when a thunderbolt struck them at the time of collecting straw during rain.

### Cleaning drive at Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

A week-long cleaning drive began yesterday morning to keep the Bandarban municipality area neat and clean. Members of Bangladesh Scouts at Bandarban organised the drive with the help of local district administration. Prof Thanjama Lusa, Chairman of Bandarban Hill District Council inaugurated the programme by cleaning the dirt at central fish market in the town. Hundreds of students, members of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are taking part in the drive.



A human chain was formed at Khagrachhari yesterday demanding preservation of Ranir Kuthi, set up in Comilla by a former maharaja of Tripura, as an archaeological heritage.

### 10 hurt as villagers clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least 10 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of villagers at Amragachia under Mirzaganj upazila yesterday morning. Of the injured, Narayan Howlader, 38, and Uttam Howlader, 35, were sent to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. Police said, Narayan Howlader and his men began to dig a pond on a disputed land. Rival Amulya Sarker also brought his musclemen to the spot to resist him sparking a violent clash.

### 8 get life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A court here yesterday sentenced eight people to life imprisonment in a murder case. The lifers are Abdul Karim Matabbar, Abdul Salam Matabbar, Samad Matabbar, Shaheed Matabbar, Siru Matabbar, Rezaul Sheikh, Kader Sheikh and Riaz Matabbar. According to the prosecution, Abdul Karim Matabbar and his cohorts hacked Khabir Hossain to death in a water body in Binokdia area under Nagarkanda upazila on September 30, 2005 to implicate his (Karim's) rival Sattar Mollah in a murder case.

SUNAMGANJ-4 BY-ELECTION

## 7 file nominations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Seven people have filed nomination papers for contesting Sunamganj-4 by election slated for June 15.

Yesterday was the last date for submission of nomination papers. Scrutiny of the nomination papers will be held on May 20 and the date for withdrawal of nominations is May 27.

The parliamentary seat comprising Sunamganj Sadar and Biswambharpur upazilas fell vacant following the death of Momtaz Iqbal on April 17 April.

Jatiya Party leader Momtaz was elected from the constituency as AL-led grand alliance candidate in December 29 general elections.

Those filed nomination papers are former JS whip Fazlul Haque Aspia, former lawmaker and acting chief of district Jatiya Party Abdul Mazid, former lawmaker Dewan Shamsul Abedin, district Awami League acting chief Md Matiur Rahman, Krishak Mohammad Sadeque of National People's Party, Abdul Alim Nizami and Md Mobarak Hossain.

## Barisal museum project limps because of fund crisis

RAFIQUL ISLAM, Barisal

Works for a museum project remain suspended for two years while the country observes World Museum day today.

The deadline for completion of Barisal Divisional Museum expired in June 2007 but the ministry concerned is yet to approve regular fund for running the project and an organogram of 38 staff.

Two hundred-year-old Barisal Collectorate Building

was declared abandoned when the new building for the deputy commissioner's office complex was built in 1980s.

Following demand from local people, the government on April 1, 2004 declared Barisal Collectorate Building as a national heritage and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs asked the Barisal district administration and Public Works Department to hand over the building to the Department of Archaeology. Authorities approved a Tk

2.43 crore project for establishing a divisional museum at the site of the historic building.

Renovation work of the museum building was scheduled to begin in July 2005 and end in June 2007.

But the work started about six months later and after expiry of the project deadline in June 2007, unused fund amounting to about Tk 43 lakh was sent back to the cultural affairs ministry, causing a halt to the project work.

Meanwhile, 376 establish-

ments in Barisal region, declared as antiques and national heritages, now faces uncertainty due to lack of preservation facilities, said sources at the Department of Archaeology.

Mintu Bose, secretary of Nagarik Parishad, and Syed Dulal, president of

Sanskritik Sangathan Samannoy Parishad, have demanded immediate steps for early completion of the museum project.

Barisal Divisional Museum was scheduled to open in June 2008, Project Officer Shihab Uddin said, adding that valuable antiques, including canons of Sultan period, fingerprint of Queen Noorjahan, sword of Sirajuddowla, would be displayed here.

Different types of statues and coins, survey maps and manuscripts, mementos of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq, Aswini Kumar Dutta, poet Jibanananda Das and poet Mukunda Das have also been listed for display here, he added.



The project work for Barisal Divisional Museum, to be set up at repaired and reformed Barisal Collectorate Building, has remained suspended for two years for lack of fund.

## 6 foreigners languishing in Khagrachhari jail

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

At least six Indian intruders are languishing in Khagrachhari district jail without any justice.

There is no initiative from either country to decide their cases. They can neither go back home nor allowed to appoint lawyers to face charges, jail sources said.

Sources in Non Government Jail Inspection Committee led by Khagrachhari Deputy Commissioner (DC) said arrestees Dipak Das, 41, and his brother Sanjib Das, 30, sons of Harala Das of village Dolabari under Sabrum district and Manik Bonik, 28, son of Ratan Banik of village Thakur Palli of the same district in Tripura state were arrested on May 16, 2004 on charges of smuggling.

Sent to jail on May 17, 2004, they were produced in court several times just to shift the hearing dates, sources said.

Besides, Uttam Bosak, 52, son of Mohindra Bosak from

Sabrum district of Tripura, arrested on April 25, 2007 on smuggling charges, is still languishing in jail. All four were rounded up under Section 25 (Ka, Kha, Ga) of Special Act 1974.

Jail sources said, another arrestee Mohammad Hossain, 26, son of Junaed Hossain of village Rupnagar under Bihar state was held on March 15, 2008 while Arkesh Lal Burmon, 30, son of Samprity Lal Burmon of village Nuruddinpur under Uttar Pradesh state was taken to custody on April 28, 2009 for illegal border crossing. Both were held under Control of Entry Act 1952.

Mohammad Hossain completed his six-month jail term on August 15, 2008 but he is still inside the jail for lack of any clearance from the authority concerned, sources said.

This is a gross violation of human rights as they were not even allowed to appoint lawyers to face charges against them, a Non Government Jail Inspection Committee member told the Daily Star.

"All the captives broke down in tears when our team visited the jail recently. They sought our help for finding a legal way so that they can go back to their parents or relatives," he said.

Public Prosecutor (PP) at Khagrachhari District and Sessions Judges Court, Monzur Morshed Bhuiyan said justice was delayed for absence of any judge's court in Khagrachhari till last year. As the court has been functioning now the process will be completed soon, he said.

Pointing to the case of Mohammad Hossain, he informed that the copy of the judgment was sent to the ministry concerned for further clearance. "But we are yet to get any reply," he said.

Jail Superintendent Abul Amin said everything depends on legal process. Admitting the sufferings of the captives he said it's really very painful for these inmates as they often cannot meet or talk to relatives including parents.



### SEEKING DOA FOR ZIA UL ABEDIN (ZIA)

Zia Ul Abedin, Manager Customer Support Division, AQ Chowdhury Science & Synergy (Pvt.) Ltd., is lying critically ill at Square Hospital. Zia Ul Abedin is a brilliant young

Application Chemist who specialized in the field of Spectroscopy and Chromatography. Friends and customers are requested to pray for him for his fast recovery.

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On behalf of Commissioner

Mohammad Salaududdin Ripon  
Asstt. Commissioner (G.L.)

## ঢাকা ওয়াসার বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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সম্প্রতি বিভিন্ন পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত ঢাকা শহরের বিভিন্ন রাস্তা খোঁড়াখুঁড়ির চিত্র এবং এর ফলে জনদুর্ভোগের বিষয়ে প্রকাশিত প্রতিবেদনগুলোর উপর ঢাকা ওয়াসার দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ হয়েছে। এ প্রসঙ্গে ঢাকা ওয়াসার বক্তব্য হচ্ছে যে, ঢাকা ওয়াসা নগরবাসীকে কাজিত সেবা প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে জনসাধারণের চাহিদানুযায়ী বিভিন্ন এলাকায় পানি, পয়ঃ ও পানি নিষ্কাশন লাইন স্থাপন করে থাকে। ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের রাস্তা খোঁড়াখুঁড়ি নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী প্রতি বছর নভেম্বর থেকে মে মাসের মধ্যে এ কাজ সম্পন্ন করতে হয়। ঢাকা ওয়াসা উক্ত সময়সীমাকে লক্ষ্য রেখে সাধারণত নগরীর বিভিন্ন এলাকায় পানি, পয়ঃ ও পানি নিষ্কাশন লাইন স্থাপন করে থাকে। তবে ঢাকা শহরের বিভিন্ন রাস্তা সরু, অপ্রশস্ত ও ব্যস্ততম হওয়ায় উন্নয়নমূলক কর্মকাণ্ড তথা পয়ঃ ও ড্রেনেজ লাইন স্থাপন করতে যথেষ্ট বেগ পেতে হয়। এ ধরনের কাজে ব্যবহৃত পাইপগুলো অপেক্ষাকৃত বড় আকারের এবং গভীরতায় স্থাপন করতে হয় বিধায় প্রচুর মাটি কেটে সম্পাদন করতে হয়। অনেক ক্ষেত্রে তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে মাটি সরিয়ে ফেলার সুযোগ থাকে না। ফলে জনসাধারণের চলাচলে সাময়িক বিঘ্ন ঘটে এবং জনদুর্ভোগের সৃষ্টি হয়। বিষয়টি বিবেচনায় রেখে ঢাকা ওয়াসা তার চলমান কাজগুলো স্বল্পতম সময়ের মধ্যে সম্পাদনের জন্য আশ্রয় চেষ্টা করে আসছে। আর এজন্য নগরবাসীর সাময়িক অসুবিধার জন্য ঢাকা ওয়াসা দুঃখ প্রকাশ করছে। পাশাপাশি ঢাকা ওয়াসা এ ব্যাপারে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের সহযোগিতা কামনা করছে।

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