

BARISAL CITY BNP CONVENING BODY First meet foiled amid brawl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A faction of Barisal city BNP yesterday foiled the first meeting of the newly formed convening committee of the city unit and assaulted their party rivals.

The meeting was convened at the residence of Mahmud Golam Salek, convenor of the city BNP, at Kali Bari Road in the morning to form an extended 51-member convening committee of the unit.

BNP central committee on June 9 declared a seven-member convening body of Barisal city unit with Golam Salek as convenor and six others, including former city BNP general secretary Asaduzzaman Khasru, as joint convenors.

But the party high command later dropped the name of Khasru from the list of convenors and directed the city unit to form an extended 51-member convening committee.

As per directive of the party high command, the new convening committee sat in a

closed-door meeting at around 11:45 with Mahmud Golam Salek in the chair.

When the meeting was going on, the aggrieved BNP men, led by Altaf Mahmud Shikdar, Panel mayor of Barisal City Corporation (BCC), Glasuddin Babul Molla, Mir Zahidul Karim Zahid, ANM Saiful Hassan Azim, BCC councillors ATM Shahidullah Kabir, stormed into the meeting venue demanding inclusion of Khasru in the convening committee. They engaged in altercation with the attending leaders and assaulted them.

In the face of strong resistance by party rivals, new convenor Golam Salek cancelled the meeting.

Khasru's supporters then took out a procession in the city demanding cancellation of the new convening committee.

Golam Salek told reporters that the meeting was called to extend the convening committee in presence of six joint convenors but cancelled due to an unexpected situation created by some unruly activists.

SUNDAY'S SATKHIRA INCIDENT Ansar member files counter case

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Satkhira

An Ansar member has filed a counter case against eight and many other unnamed people of Puratan Satkhira in the town accusing them of beating up Ansar members and creating obstacles to discharging their duties.

Rafiqul Hasan, complainant of the case filed against the Ansar men on June 22, Anwar Hossain Chandu, Manirul Islam, Alamgir Hossain, Sheikh Firoj Ahmed, Mintu, Chanchal, Rafique Bhuiya besides many other unnamed people were sued by Shah Jalal of 27 Ansar Battalion.

Shah Jalal, also an accused in a case filed by Rafiqul Hasan, filed the counter case with Sadar Police Station on Tuesday night.

He alleged that a group of

Torture victim sues 38 JMB operatives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Rajshahi

Amir Ali, a JMB torture victim last week lodged a case against 38 JMB militants in Rajshahi.

They beat up the on-duty Ansar members who tried to resist, the complainant added.

Earlier on Monday, Rafiqul Hasan, filed a case with Sadar Police Station against five members of 27 Ansar Battalion including acting Commanding Officer Nurul Khammar and cadres Mostafizur Rahman, Mamunur Rashid, Morshed and Enamul Haque.

According to the case, armed JMB cadres abducted Amir Ali on April 7, 2004 and looted his house. They took him to Hamirkuta camp and tortured him overnight and demanded Tk 1 lakh for his release.

Although Amir paid Tk 35,000, he was tortured and maimed by the JMB operatives.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER

Promoting Governance, Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (PROGATI) is a project funded by USAID and implemented by Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI). PROGATI support the Bangladesh Union Parishad Forum (BUPF) and Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB), the associations of Union Parishads and Municipalities. Since their formation in 2003, BUPF and MAB have been working for serving their members, defining common interests and creating platform for policy debates on issues of local government reform.

BUPF and MAB seek to build their organizational capacity by hiring a Finance and Accounts Officer.

Finance and Accounts Officer

Job Responsibilities:

- Manage daily petty cash transactions and prepare daily cash report;
- Verify different bills and assist in management of advance against program and travel;
- Maintain vouchers and maintain books of accounts;
- Prepare monthly bank reconciliation statement; and
- Manage expenditures, purchase and procurement and maintain associated records.

Qualifications and Experience:

The applicant must have:

- A Masters degree, or Bachelors and professional certificate, in accounting, finance or business;
- At least 4 years of similar experience;
- Good MS Word and MS Excel skills; and
- Fluency in Bangla and English.

Applicants are requested to send a CV, cover letter and contact information of three professional referees to the following e-mail address: progatijobs@dai.com with "Finance Officer" in the subject line by 9 July 2009.

Women, minority and physically challenged candidates are encouraged to apply.

Monitoring and Analyzing Corruption Training – Request for Proposals

Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) seeks a qualified Bangladeshi organization to deliver training to preselected civil society organizations. Training courses will provide skills to participants on monitoring and analyzing issues of corruption at the local level. Curriculum, training manuals and all relevant materials have been developed separately and will be provided to the selected organization. This work will be contracted under the USAID-funded Promoting Governance, Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (PROGATI) Project.

Objective: To increase civil society organizations skills on monitoring and analyzing issues of corruption at the local level.

Tasks: Train preselected civil society organizations using PROGATI training manuals associated with three topics. Complete curriculum and training manuals will be provided to the selected organization/individual.

The topics are:

- (a) Monitoring and Analysis of Transparency, Accountability and Corruption in Public Expenditure;
- (b) Publicity of Transparency, Accountability and Corruption in Public Expenditure;
- (c) Planning and managing PROGATI Anti-corruption monitoring, Analysis and Publicity Campaigns.

The selected organization/individual will complete the following tasks:

- Conduct one-day consultation with PROGATI on background of the course and best practices of PROGATI civil society training.
- Conduct training to a total of 240 participants in all three topics. Training will be based in Khulna and Chittagong.

Proposals: Interested organizations/individuals should submit proposals including the following information [maximum 6 pages]:

- Cover letter: Address details, contact information and contact person [1 page].
- Organizational profile: Management structure and staff expertise in related areas of work [3 pages].
- Qualifications: Similar projects and experience training Civil Society Organisations undertaken as lead firm in last five years, include information on task and outputs client reference information, and period of engagement [1 page].
- Method and technical approach: Details on how the firm will conduct the required tasks and explanation of roles and responsibilities of all persons proposed for the work [1 page].
- Detailed timeline: How the firm will complete the tasks noted above with all logistical arrangement including accommodation, venue and others. The prescribe tasks need to be completed within 30 days after signing the contract.
- Budget: A clear and detailed budget estimates for all labour, travel and material costs necessary to complete all tasks.

Proposals will be assessed on both technical and cost considerations. Do not include attachments or promotional documents with your submission. Note that this RFP does not in any way commit DAI to enter into contact or partnership with any organization.

PROGATI will host a bidders conference to answer questions on this RFP on Wednesday, July 1 at 14:00 hours. The meeting will be held at House 54/A, Road 16, Block A, Banani, Dhaka.

Electronic submissions are encouraged, and should be sent to progatieo@yahoo.com with "Civil Society Monitoring" in the subject line. Written submission should be delivered to House 54/A, Road 16, Block A, Banani, Dhaka in addressed to "PROGATI Grants Manager". All submissions are due by 14:00 hours on Thursday, 9 July 2009. We will only contact short listed organizations / individuals.



Action Committee for Prevention of Intimidation, Robbery and Extortion brings out a huge protest procession in Narail town yesterday demanding end to the crimes.

PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

One beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

One person was beaten to death on Wednesday in Pir Pukur village of Saidpur upazila. Sources said Shafiq Rahman of Nitai Dangapara village of Kishoreganj upazila, came to visit Raihan Mia of Pirpukur as his guest. At dead of night some locals detained Raihan on suspicion of being a cattle lifter. They tied him with a tree on the compound of a nearby primary school and beat up mercilessly. In the morning, members of the village police informed the matter to Saidpur police. Police rushed to the spot and rescued him in a critical condition. Later Raihan was shifted to Saidpur hospital where the attending physicians declared him dead. A case was registered and one villager was arrested.

Rival transport workers clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two rival groups of transport workers yesterday evening clashed for control of a bus terminal leaving three persons including general secretary of Lalmonirhat District Truck Tank Lorry Sramik Union Abdul Kalam injured. Earlier, a chase and counter-case between the factions—one led by Kalam—Quader and the other by Rana-Mithun took place over opening of a new office at the bus terminal. The supporters of Kalam—Quader group blocked Lalmonirhat—Burimari highway and obstructed the journalists from performing their duties. They also damaged the motorcycle of Daily Star correspondent as he took photograph of clash. Later, a general dairy was filed with the Sadar police in this regard. Journalists in Lalmonirhat demanded punishment to the culprits.

Two get life term for murder

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Feni Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court in a murder case on Wednesday sentenced two persons to life term imprisonment and fined each Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer more six months' rigorous imprisonment (RI). Court sources said Shahidullah Majumder, son of Feroz Ahmed Majumder of Chitolia village under Parshuram upazila was strangled on January 8, 1996. His body was later recovered from a water body. The victim's father filed a murder case and CID submitted charge sheet against Abdus Salam's sons Alam and Shah Alam.



An elderly person receiving relief material from a monk of Ramakrishna Mission, Dhaka that has recently distributed humanitarian aid to 70 Aila-affected villages in Dakope, Koira and Paikgachha upazilas in Khulna and Shyamnagar upazila in Satkhira district.

Workshop at Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Speakers at a workshop yesterday said disaster management and development activities should be done in a coordinated way. Failure to conduct proper development activities and provide people with necessary services leads to disaster that has increased in absence of good governance during the last few years, they said at the workshop. Bangladesh Disaster Prepared Center (BDPC) organised the workshop titled The Role of Mass Media and Civil Society to Reduce Disaster Risk Through Establishing Good Governance on the premises of Public Library in Sirajganj town. Emphasising the role of mass media in enhancing development activities and ensuring the rights of people, speakers said establishing good governance is essential for implementation of development works.

Job Opportunity

Job Description / Responsibility

Market Developer - Experienced person to sales textile dyeing & processing chemical(cotton/polyester)

Educational Requirements B.Sc in Textile Engineer

Dyeing technical and experienced to sales in textile dyeing & processing chemical (cotton/polyester which mentioned above)

Experience Requirements Minimum 3 year(s)

The applicants must have experience in the following area(s): sales ability in textile dyeing & processing chemical(cotton/polyester) responsibility for working

Additional Job Requirements

Good Communication and interpersonal skill in English.

Computer Knowledge: MS Office (Word, Excel), Internet browsing.

Experience in selling textile auxiliaries chemicals from any reputed company.

Salary Range TK 25,000

Other Benefits :

Attractive salary and other benefits will be offered with career growth opportunity to the deserving candidate.

One 100% bonus on basic salary every year.

Incentive on Sales - regarding amount of above \$ 50,000 : 2% (Calculated from first day of next day per month)

Yearly Increment - Re-calculation(higher) for salary per year depend on result of sales activity.

Support - any charge for sales marketing activity

Applicants are requested to send their resume along with a passport size photograph

Application Deadline

Before July 10, 2009

KOTRA Commercial Section of Korea Embassy

MOLLY Capital Center, 7th Floor, 76, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212

13 WAR CRIME CASES IN 75 DAYS

Only one out of 125 accused held in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Only one out of 125 accused was arrested in connection with 13 cases recorded in the last 75 days with four police stations of Khulna district for killing freedom fighters and looting their houses during Liberation War in 1971.

According to Police Superintendent Md Shamsuddin, investigations into all these 13 cases against war criminals are going on.

Complainants filed petition cases with the courts concerned naming 125 alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces as accused of killing freedom fighters and later dumping their bodies during the war.

After hearing on the petitions, the courts ordered the police stations concerned to record cases after proper investigation into the allegations.

Afterwards, eight cases were recorded with Batiaghata Police Station, two with Dumuria Police Station, two with Dakop Police Station and one was with Phultala Police Station of the district.

Ten of the 13 petition cases were filed with the Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Rozina Akther while the rest with two other courts.

The arrestee, Gaffar Morol of Birat village under Batiaghata upazila, is now in Khulna jail. He recently gave a statement to the court, confessing to his role as collaborators during the War of Independence.

Meanwhile, Seven alleged rajakars have been sued for killing a freedom fighter in Kashiani of Gopalganj district in 1971.

Sultan Ahmed, Son of a martyred freedom fighter Abdus Salam Miah, filed the case with Gopalganj Judicial Magistrate's Court accusing seven rajakars of killing his father, according to a correspondent.

The accused are Solaiman Miah, Hares Sheikh, Chona Miah, Kheyal Uddin Mollah, Siddiquur Rahman and Moni Miah.

The complainant said the accused picked up his father at gunpoint from in front of Kashiani Ramdia post office, took him to Gopalganj camp of Pakistani occupation forces and killed him.

Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCBL) has issued a press release on July 1, 2009, regarding the award of a contract for the construction of a 330 MW thermal power plant at the Bokhara site in Khulna.

The contract was awarded to a local company, Bokhara Power Plant Ltd. (BPL), for the construction of a 330 MW thermal power plant at the Bokhara site in Khulna.

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