

## Mother snaps link with Selim for joining militancy

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Before joining banned Islamist militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) about five years ago, Selim worked as a mason in Mumbai in India.

He became an expert in light weaponry, started collecting arms for JMB, and later rose to second in command and military affairs commander of Islam and Muslim, a new offshoot of JMB.

Law enforcers arrested him from bordering Belpara Johorpur village of Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila on Tuesday.

Selim's father Durul Huda married Serina Begum around 28 years ago and Selim and Bedana were born to them, locals and family sources said.

When Serina came to know that Durul Huda was involved in robbery in Tanore of Rajshahi, she with her two children went to her parents' house at Charnohorpur in Chapainawabganj town and discontinued relationship with him.

With her small income from sewing *nakshi kantha*, Serina arranged schooling for her two children.

Selim, however, could not come out successful in the SSC examinations.

He went to Mumbai to work as a mason.

After one and a half years he returned to the country and worked in Dhaka and other places as a mason. During this time he came in contact with JMB member Jasim alias Rafiqul Islam of Nilphamari.

He persuaded her mother to arrange marriage of his sister Bedana, then a BA honours student in Nawabganj Government College, with Jasim.

When law enforcers at Shibganj caught Bedana's husband a year later, Bedana and Serina came to know that Selim and Jasim were involved with JMB.

Selim, who married Nuresha at Johorpur of Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila, at one stage stopped keeping contact with his mother and sister. He also married another girl in India.

"I am very unhappy and ashamed as my son and son-in-law are JMB activists," said Serina Begum, now living with her daughter amid poverty and anxiety.



Arrested with arms on Tuesday, Selim, second in command of JMB offshoot Islam and Muslim, is seen at Rajshahi Rab office.

## Villages in Sirajganj, Bogra flooded as Jamuna swells

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With rise in water levels in the river Jamuna and its tributaries, fresh areas in three upazila of Sirajganj and a village in Bogra have been inundated.

In Sirajganj, about 50 villages in Kazipur, Shahzadpur and Chowhali upazilas have been submerged as the river Jamuna and its tributaries - Ichhamoti, Dharla, Karotoa, Bangal and Hurasagors - welled further due to downpour and onrush of water from upstream, according to our correspondent.

The badly affected villages are Maizbari, Monurnagar, Chagrish, Khasrajbari, Natuarpara, Tekani, Nishchintapur, Shubhogachha, Polashpur, Sreepur, Ghorachora, Rangagari and Raghunathpur in Kazipur upazila; Kaizuri, Sonatola, Gudhibari, Jamirta, Beltail and Charkaizuri in Shahzadpur upazila; and Umorpur, Ghorzan, Khaskawlia, Jalapur and a large portion of Chowhali upazila headquarters.

The affected families of these villages have taken shelter on high land, roads and embankments and at educational institutions.

Local administrations have closed at least 30 educational institutions, including primary and high schools, in the affected upazilas for an indefinite period.

Water Development Board (WDB) officials said water levels in the Jamuna and its tributaries will rise further in the next three or four days if rain continues. However, the Jamuna was flowing under the danger mark near Sirajganj town point yesterday afternoon.

The officials said if the newly built dam from Ranigram to Shimla is not protected from river erosion, the entire district will go under water.

Our staff correspondent from Bogra reports: At least 175 families have become homeless at Nijkornari village near the newly constructed Jamuna embankment in Katubpur Union of Shariakandi Upazila.

Avijit Roy, Shariakandi upazila nirbahi officer (UNO), said most of the affected families have taken shelter on the flood protection embankment in the area. He said local administration has sunk

three tube-wells at the village to provide pure drinking water for the flood-hit people.

Katubpur Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Tozzamal Hossain Madhu told this correspondent over cellphone that about 500 affected people have been shifted from the submerged village to the flood control embankment at Nijkornari and adjacent villages.

He further said the list of the affected people is being

prepared to supply relief materials to them.

Mintu Master, one of the affected villagers, said he along with his family members have taken shelter on the embankment.

Nijkornari village is situated between old and newly built embankments.

AKM Mamtazuddin, executive Engineer of Water Development Board in Bogra, said water entered the village through the breached portion of the old embankment.



Children fishing on the premises of a flooded house in Chowhali upazila of Sirajganj district. Above, a victim family removing tin-roof of their inundated house to a safer place at Karnibari village in Sariakandi upazila yesterday.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

Teachers, students and staff join a colourful procession on the campus of Patuakhali Science and Technology University marking their 'University Day' yesterday.

## 4 get life for killing boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A Faridpur court yesterday sentenced four people to life imprisonment for killing a teenage boy. Convicts Md Sayed, 25, Delwar Hossen, 30, Ismail, 32, of Radhanagar village under Nagarkanda upazila and Habib, 20, of Doyarampur village under Sadar upazila were also fined Tk 10,000 each, in default, to suffer six months more in jail. According to the prosecution story, Asaduzzaman Rony, 16, son of Mobarak Molla of Radhanagar village under Nagarkanda upazila went missing on April 14, 2006. He was going to his private tutor's house. Three days later his body was recovered from a field at Debinagar village. Arshad Ali, grandfather of Rony three days later lodged a case accusing four people of murder.

## Six arrested for gangrape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali Sadar police arrested six people yesterday on charge of raping a teenage girl in a room of Patuakhali General Hospital. The arrestees are identified as Ananda, 20, Sohag, 27, Pabel, 27, Munna Kumar Das, 20, Sajib, 25, and Sohag, 29. Police said one of the arrestees forcibly brought the 13-year-old girl from Alauddin children's park area to a room of the blood bank in the hospital and gangraped her. On a tip-off, a Sadar police team rescued the girl and arrested all six from the spot.

## Two bodies recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police yesterday recovered bodies of a youngman and a woman. Police said, floating body of a woman aged about 25 was recovered from the Mohananda River in Rehaichar at around 10 am. Two hours later police recovered another body from Moharajpur village under Sadar upazila. The dead was identified as Israil Hossain, 33, of Awlatola village of Sadar upazila. Both the bodies were sent to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

## Stipends for students

PRESS RELEASE, Barisal

A non-government organisation (NGO) in Chakhar has distributed stipends and crests among 18 meritorious students and those who achieved outstanding results in the Secondary School Certificate examination. Each of the students received Tk 2000 and a crest for their academic excellence. Habib Shahzadi Foundation offered the incentives at a reception organised by Serve the People, an NGO, at the auditorium of the Fazlul Haque Institution in Chakhar on July 4. The reception was chaired by the foundation's president Begum Shahzadi while Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Banaripara Abul Kalam Azad was the chief guest.

## Outlaw's firearm seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police on Saturday night recovered one more firearm following confessional statement of outlaw Samrat. A Pakistan made rifle was kept hidden in a bush in Mangolbaria area of Sadar upazila. Earlier, Samrat, a top cadre of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) was held from a hideout in Kushtia town with four aides. Police recovered three foreign made pistols and 22 bullets from their possession on July 1. On second day of the 4-day remand, Samrat disclosed the location of the firearm at Mangolbaria.

## One kills wife, himself

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A middle-aged man has killed himself after killing his wife at Asharia Chala village under Dhalapara union in Ghatail upazila. Officer-in-charge of Ghatail police station said Abu Jafar, 50, chopped to death his wife Anwara Begum, 40, mother of five children after quarrel over a trifle matter on Saturday afternoon. Jafar later committed suicide at night by hanging from a tree at the village. Police sent the bodies to morgue for autopsy and two cases were filed with Ghatail police station.

## Probe into allegations of graft at HSTU begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A five-member probe committee yesterday started investigation into alleged corruption in Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) since 2001.

Following a directive from the Ministry of Education, HSTU authorities formed the committee led by Prof Md Anis Khan, chairman of HRT, at the end of last June.

Other members of the committee are Saidul Haque Chowdhury, academic councillor of Bangladesh Agriculture University and member of HSTU regent board, Dr Boloram Roy, chairman of biochemistry and director of Information Technology, Shahidul Islam, former director general of Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute, and Dr Fahima Khanom, director of Finance and Banking at HSTU.

On the first day, the probe team summoned 22 staffs of HSTU and 15 of them attended and spoke with team members.

Md Mosharrar Hossain Miah, who served as vice chancellor of HSTU from 2001 to 2006, later took charge as VC of Bangladesh Agriculture University at Mymensingh but was removed after an investigation by University Grants Commission in the end of

2007 found several corruption allegations against him to be true.

Major allegations during the tenure of the former HSTU vice chancellor are embezzlement of huge funds, political appointments and nepotism, HSTU sources said.

During that period, Tk 1.3cr was allegedly misappropriated from Tk 10 crore construction work of Zia Hall. Tk 6 lakh was also embezzled in the name of installing V-SAT at the HSTU.

According to the findings of the UGC investigation conducted in late 2007, the HSTU authorities during the tenure of former VC Mosharrar Hossain awarded printing work worth about Tk 2 crore to a printing press without any tender.

The probe report also held the former HSTU VC responsible for embezzling Tk 300,000 as house rent, telephone bills and fuels for vehicles.

At several meetings of HSTU Regent Board, board member former army Chief Lt Gen (rtd) Mahbubur Rahman talked about the irregularities but to no effect.

Finally he resigned from the regent board on June 31 in 2006 in protest.

Despite repeated attempts, Dr Mosharrar Hossain Miah could not be contacted over his cell phone.

## 20 injured in clash, houses vandalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Twenty people, including a sub-inspector of police, were injured in a clash at Hatgopalpur Bazar on Tuesday.

During the clash at least a dozen houses were vandalised.

Jhenidah police said, two rival villagers had an altercation on Sunday over a trifle issue of jackfruit sale at Hatgopalpur Bazar. The next day people of Sayal village attacked the market and vandalised two shops leading to a series of clashes till midnight.

On Tuesday morning a fresh clash started between the shopkeepers of Hatgopalpur Bazar and the Sayal villagers.

The villagers vandalised 12 houses and during the clash 20 people including a SI were injured.

The injured were admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital and other clinics.

## Return of relief angers AL men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Awami League (AL) activists yesterday ransacked the offices of upazila chairman and Sadar union parishad in Amtali upazila town under Barguna district protesting return of relief items meant for the victims of cyclone Aila.

About 220.5 tonnes of rice was sanctioned as relief for the Aila-affected families of ten unions in Amtali upazila, but it was returned as the UP chairmen did not receive it before the fiscal year ended on June 30 last, said Amtali Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Nasiruddin.

Chairman of ten unions under the upazila were served notice on Monday to show cause for not receiving and distributing the government sanctioned relief items, he said.

"A few Awami League leaders came to my office at about 11:00am and asked me about return of the undistributed

relief items," said Amtali upazila Chairman Salahuddin Ahmed Talukdar.

After they left, a group of AL cadres entered the office and ransacked furniture and documents there, he said.

Then the AL men went to the Sadar union parishad office and damaged three motorcycles, computer, fan, steel almirah, furniture, documents and other items at the office and looted Tk 5.2 lakh from the almirah, said UP Chairman Jalal Ahmed Fakir.

He said union parishad chairmen did not receive and distribute government sanctioned relief rice protesting AL men's unwanted interference in distribution work.

Amtali upazila AL President GM Delwar Hossain denied his party men's involvement with the attacks on the offices of upazila chairman and union parishad.

Distressed people, deprived of the relief, may have done it, he said.

## CLASH WITH SCC STAFF Buses in Sylhet city go off roads today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Plying of buses in the Sylhet city came to a halt yesterday following sporadic clashes, chase and counter chase between the transport workers and the staff of city corporation in Bandarabazar area in the morning.

The bus workers and owners associations later called for a daylong strike today protesting what they said 'attack' by Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) staff.

Sources said, SCC staff Abdul Mannan had an altercation over fare with a town service bus staff when he was on way to the office.

Soon after, the bus drivers and helpers blocked the road in front of the city corporation building. It sparked an hour-long clash in Bandarabazar area.

Bus workers alleged the SCC staff beat up three of their fellows. Police rescued them from the city corporation building where they were beaten up, they said.

## 6 sued for '71 killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Six alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation Forces have been sued for killing a freedom fighter in Kaliganj upazila in 1971.

The accused are Ashraf Ali Master, Ismail Hossain Gazi, Wazed Ali Gazi, Abdul Malek

Gazi and Sukh Chand of Kashishwar village, and Matiar Rahman Moral of Minajati village of the upazila.

Shokar Ali Sardar, son of a martyred freedom fighter Kalu Sardar of Naihati village under Kaliganj upazila, filed the petition case with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.



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