

## STORM OF PROTEST IN RAJSHAHI

## People attack private buses, demand BRTC services

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Rajshahi

At least 25 people were injured as local people and students clashed with bus operators and police at Charghat upazila headquarters yesterday demanding resumption of BRTC bus services on Rajshahi-Charghat-Bagha route.

They stopped movement of private buses on the route protesting withdrawal of BRTC buses from the route. The district administration in a meeting with private transport owners on Wednesday decided to stop BRTC service on Rajshahi-Charghat-Bagha route.

The angry people also ransacked local office of Bus Workers Union, damaged upazila Nirbahi officer's vehicle and a private bus during demonstration at Charghat Bazar.

At around 11:00am, a group of bus workers ransacked 15 shops at the bazar as the shop owners kept their shutters down expressing solidarity with the agitators.

The bazar area turned into a battlefield at around 1:00pm when the protesters and bus workers, equipped with lethal weapons, chased each other.

As police came to the spot reportedly for aiding the bus workers, the protesters hurled brickbats at them. Police fired teargas shells, dispersed the angry locals bus workers and brought the situation under control.

Sources said at least 25

people from both sides received injuries during scuffles.

The protesters damaged the vehicle of UNO Moinul Islam Ansari when he went at Charghat intersection to pacify them. They then took control of the local stand and damaged a private bus there.

Upazila Awami League General Secretary Raihanul Haque went to the scene at around 3:00pm and demanded resumption of BRTC bus service on Rajshahi-

Charghat-Bagha route within the next 24 hours.

He said local people will launch a greater movement if the BRTC service is not restored on the route within the deadline.

Meanwhile, Private bus owners and workers in Chapainawabganj began an indefinite strike yesterday to press their demand for stopping BRTC bus service on different routes in the district.

Sources said Motor Sramik

Union and Bus Owners' Association jointly enforced the strike at 6:00am, disrupting road communication between Chapainawabganj and Rajshahi.

They demanded immediate withdrawal of double-decker BRTC buses from Chapainawabganj.

Tajul Islam, general secretary of Chapainawabganj Bus Owners' Association said the strike will continue until their demand for stopping BRTC services in the district is met.



Locals damage a private bus at Charghat yesterday in protest against stoppage of BRTC bus service on Rajshahi-Charghat-Bagha route.

PHOTO: STAR

## KMCH action against Tozammel

Students still demand his removal, agitate

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Khulna

Dr Tozammel Hossain, a medical officer of Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH), has been stripped of his power to give medical certificate to patients.

KMCH Superintendent Dr Qazi Hamid Asgar yesterday took the action following an allegation made by KMC Principal KP Sarker on Monday.

Dr Tozammel, also chairman of the Khulna Medical College (KMC) Medical Certificate Committee, allegedly assaulted the principal following an altercation concerning a 'fake' medical certificate on Monday.

Interns of Khulna Medical College Hospital have continued their two-hour work stoppage programme every day while students of the college are boycotting their classes to press home their demand for removal and punishment of Dr Tozammel for assaulting the principal.

## 9 Khulna shops gutted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Nine shops were gutted in a big fire that broke out at 10am yesterday at Daulatpur Kitchen Market in the city. According to Khulna fire officials, the fire originated from an electric short circuit. Shop owners said nine shops of cosmetics, nylon ropes and electrical equipments were gutted. The damage was estimated at Tk 30 lakh.

## 7 PATUAKHALI UPAZILAS

## 53 sued for failing to submit election expenditure report

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Fifty-three candidates for the posts of upazila parishad chairman and vice-chairman in seven upazilas of Patuakhali district have been sued for not submitting their poll expenditure report to the returning officer in time.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Abdul Mannan, also the returning officer of UZ election in the district, filed the case with Patuakhali Sadar Police Station on August 31, sources in the district election office said.

Of the candidates, 28 contested for chairman posts, 13 for vice-chairman posts and 12 and woman vice chairman posts.

According to electoral rules, candidates must submit their election expenditure reports to the district election office within 30 days of gazette notification.

The sued chairman candidates are Khalilur Rahman, Abdul Motaleb Mollah, Abdus Sobhan and Golam Sarwar of Sadar upazila, Khondakar Shafiqul Islam, Yunus Ali Howlader and Kazi Mokhesur Rahman of Mirzaganj upazila, Abul Hossain Abul Mia and Md Jasim Uddin of Dumki upazila, Abdul Halim Khan, AKM Jobaidul Haque Russel, Md. Moniruzzaman Polash,

Mofazzel Haque Shari, Abdur Razzak Akon and Shahidur Rahman of Baulal upazila, Abdul Khaleq, Mofizur Rahman, Shah Alam, Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Howlader Md Imtias Uddin Joy and Idris Ahmed of Dashmina upazila, Omar Faruq, Hazi Golam Mostafa Nantu, Md Rafiqul Islam, Md Nizam Uddin, Taluder, Md Rezaul Karim and Md Jahangir Hossain Akon of Galachipa upazila and Abdul Motaleb Talukder of Kalapara upazila.

The vice chairman candidates are SM Lutfar Rahman of Sadar upazila, Khairul Ahsan of Mirzaganj upazila, Abdul Goni Howlader, Hafizur Rahman and Md. Humayun Kabir of Dumki upazila, Kalam Hossain Salam of Baulal upazila, Abu Zafar Molla and Khairul Bashir of Dashmina upazila, Jalil Ahmed and Eskander Ali of Galachipa upazila and Abdur Rahman, Gazi Abbas Uddin Ahmed and Md Musa of Kalapara upazila.

The woman vice chairman candidates are Jasmin Akhter of Sadar upazila, Sahida Begum of Mirzaganj, Amena Begum, Beauty Tajnahar and Moriam of Dumki, Israt Jahan and Najmunnahar Jalil of Baulal, Nargis, Lutfun Nahar Lily and Suraiya Salim of Dashmina, Umme Tamima Bithi and Laiju Helen Lucky of Kalapara upazila.

## BNP factions clash over formation of bodies

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Clashes between two factions of local BNP over formation of Durgapur upazila and municipality unit committees left five people injured yesterday.

Activists of the faction led by Nazrul Islam, BNP MP candidate in 2008 election, were preparing a stage at Durgapur Fazil Madrasa for holding their council in the morning when former BNP MP Nadim Mostafa's followers led by upazila BNP's former president Ashraf Kabir Bulu and municipality BNP's former president Akbar Ali damaged the stage.

They also set fire to the furniture and banners of the council meeting.

Nadim's men also attacked the house of Durgapur municipality Mayor Saidur Rahman Mantu but fled away when police chased them.

At 1:00pm, the Nazrul group brought out a procession with sticks and damaged the chamber of Ashraf Kabir Bulu.

Neighbouring Charghat upazila Chairman Abu Sayeed Chand along with a large number of BNP workers went to Durgapur in support of Nazrul group.

As Nadim group intercepted Chand's men in front of the Brac office, chase and counterchase followed.

Later Chand chaired a meeting at the madrasa where Mollah Abdul Wahed, a new comer to BNP from Jatiya Party, was made the convenor of upazila BNP while Saidur Rahman Mantu was made the municipality BNP convenor.

## SERIAL BLASTS ON AUG 17, 2005

## 6 JMB men get life in Sherpur

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A Sherpur court yesterday sentenced six cadres of outlawed Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to life imprisonment for their involvement in serial blasts in the district town on August 17, 2005.

Judge Mohammad Murshid Alam of the Special Tribunal delivered the verdict.

The convicts are JMB's Dhaka divisional commander Salahuddin alias Salehin (gets life and death penalty in two other cases), JMB's Sherpur district commander Mujahidul Islam Sumon, and JMB cadres Rafiqul Islam, Abdul Mannan alias Paru Miah, Nazmul Islam alias Roman and Mostafizur Rahman alias Linkon.

Of them, Salehin, Mujahidul Islam Sumon and Nazmul Islam were in the dock while Rafiqul Islam, Abdul Mannan and Mostafizur Rahman alias Linkon tried in absentia.

The court acquitted

another accused, Humayun Kabir Shawkat, as charges brought against him were not proved.

Six bombs went off on the premises of the deputy commissioner's office, District Judge's Court, bus terminal and two other places in the town on August 17, 2005. Police also recovered an unexploded bomb from one of the five spots.

Sub-Inspector Mokhesur Rahman of Sherpur Sadar Police Station filed a case against nine JMB men, including JMB kingpins Shaikh Abdur Rahman and Siddikul Islam alias Bangla Bhai, on the day.

DB police investigated the case and submitted a charge sheet to a first class magistrate's court Sherpur on November 17 the same year. Later, the names of Abdur Rahman and Bangla Bhai were dropped from the charge sheet as both were executed in Jhalakathi Judges' murder case in 2007.

## Roadblock, siege demanding power

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Local people blocked highways and surrounded electricity offices in Dinajpur and Sylhet city on Wednesday night protesting frequent power outage.

In Dinajpur, hundreds of power-hungry people put up barricades on Dhaka-Dinajpur highway at Ranirbandar under Chirirbandar upazila, disrupting traffic for about three hours from 8:00pm on Wednesday night, according to our correspondent.

Later, law enforcers from Chirirbandar Police Station rushed to the spot and restored road communication at around 11:00pm. Hundreds of vehicles were stranded on both side of the highway due to the blockade.

In Kaharol upazila, farmers laid a siege to local Power Development Board office at around 8:30pm on Wednesday demanding smooth power

supply to keep the pump machines operational.

They withdrew the siege programme following an assurance given by the local PDB men to ensure power supply to the pump machines at night.

Our staff correspondent from Sylhet reported that the people in the city's Mirabazar area blocked Sylhet-Tamabil Road on Wednesday night protesting power outage in the area.

They put up a barricade on the road and burnt some tyres. A good number of vehicles remained stranded on both sides of the road for 2 hours from 11:00pm.

The agitators also demanded replacement of a transformer in the area.

Following assurance given by the mayor and PDB officials, locals withdrew the barricade at around 11:00am. PDB however replaced the transformer at 1:00pm yesterday.

## Pabna medical students start agitation, place 9-pt demand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The students of Pabna Medical College yesterday started a week-long demonstration demanding solution to their various problems besetting the institution since its inception in November last year.

Fifty students were admitted into the first year as Pabna Medical College started its academic activities in a building of Pabna Mental Hospital in November last year but their study is hampered for want of competent teachers, adequate library and laboratory facilities, and accommodation.

After forming a human chain on Abdul Hamid road in the town yesterday noon, students of the institution announced their week-long demonstration programme in a press conference at Pabna Press Club Auditorium.

"There is acute shortage of teachers in different subjects including anatomy, physiology and biochemistry in Pabna Medical College. All the subjects except

one lack specialist teachers," said a student reading out a written statement on behalf of the first batch learners.

"We are deprived of proper education as inefficient teachers hired from Pabna General Hospital and Pabna Mental Hospital are taking classes in the medical college. The first year course is yet to be complete although the examination is knocking at the door," goes the statement.

Placing a nine-point demand to the government, the students demanded ensuring at least two assistant professors for each subject, recruitment of necessary teachers and stopping arrangement of classes by upazila-level doctors.

Construction of own academic building, arrangement of registration under Rajshahi University, sufficient equipment in the laboratory, adequate library facility, recruitment of own staff in Pabna Medical College are other major demands placed by the students.

## SNIPPETS

## College girl abducted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A college girl was abducted by a group of youths at Bara Dewanpara village under Sarail upazila of the district on Tuesday night. According to family members and police, Fahmida Akter Bristi was abducted when she was returning home from her classmate's house. A gang of youths of nearby Uchaliapara village picked her up forcibly in an autorickshaw, they said. Bristi's mother Asma Khatun filed a case with Sarail police station accusing five people. Police yesterday arrested two youths -- Abdul Barek, 30, and Saddam, 24. But they could not rescue Bristi till filing of this report in the afternoon.

## BNP men's houses attacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

At least 14 houses of BNP men including that of Palita-Beroll union unit BNP's general secretary Moslemuddin Molla were ransacked by local Awami League (AL) activists at village Dohor-Singra in Magura Sadar upazila on Wednesday night. Witnesses said, supporters of Magura Sadar upazila parishad vice-chairman Enamul Huq Raja equipped with lethal weapons attacked and ransacked the houses at around 10-30 pm. The attackers also beat up 13 BNP men leaving them severely injured. Among the injured, Moslemuddin, Mohammad Ali, Kafiluddin, Rezaul Mian, Babor Ali and Rubel were admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital.

## Three Hizb-ut Tahrir men held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Detective Branch of police on Wednesday night arrested three Hizb-ut Tahrir militants from the city's Nalorpur area while they were distributing leaflets. The arrestees are Farhan Habib of the city's Ambarkhana, Imranur Rahman of Kuarpur and Ziaur Rahman Piya of Faridabagh. They were handed over to Kotwali police, who produced them before the judicial magistrate's court yesterday. The magistrate ordered to send them to jail hajat, officer-in-charge of Kotwali police station, Syeduzzaman said.

## Woman's body found in launch

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Body of a female passenger, aged about 35, was recovered from a launch cabin at Hular Hut station under Pirojpur district yesterday morning. Pirojpur police suspect that she was murdered after rape. Earlier, authorities of MV Rajdoot-7, the double deck launch plying on Dhaka-Hular Hut route, informed police at about 8:00 am that body of a woman passenger was seen wrapped with bed sheet on the bed of a cabin. Police while recovering the body noticed marks of injury and rape signs in it and sent it to Pirojpur General Hospital for autopsy.

## Fugitive JCD leader held

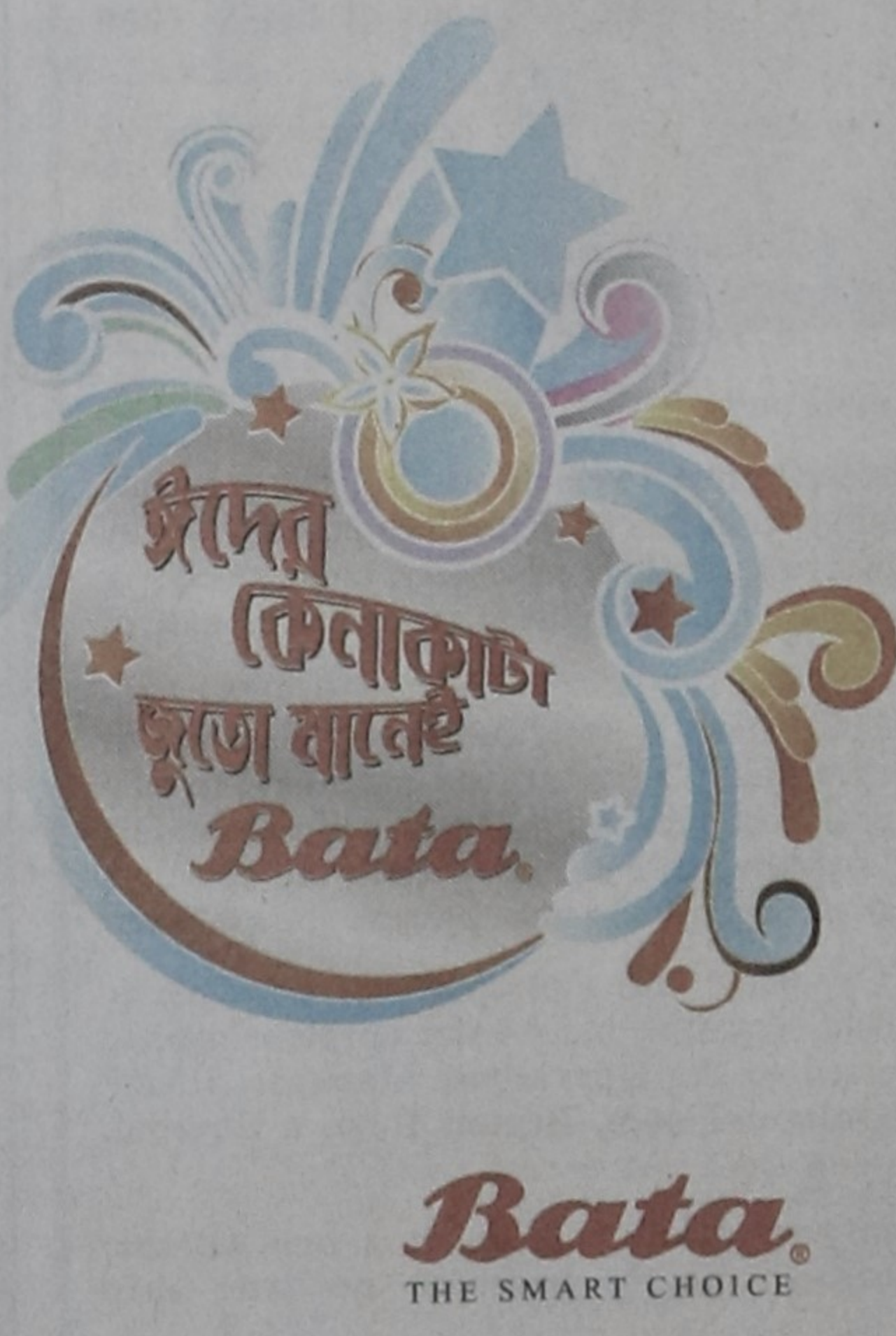
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Wednesday arrested Moulvibazar district leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Zakir Hussain Ujjal in the capital. Main accused in Shibir leader Almas murder case, he was absconding since 2004. Rab yesterday handed over the arrestee to Moulvibazar police. Rab-9 at Srimgongal in a press release said, Zakir is accused in eight other cases. Members of the elite force arrested him on Wednesday near Rifle Square in Dhaka, the press release added.

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