BMA ELECTION TOMORROW

Internal feud in ruling party forum brightens DAB prospect in Ctg

ABDULLAH AL MAHMUD, *Chittagong*

Internal rivalry between two groups of ruling party backed Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad (Swachip) may dim the prospect of their candidates in tomorrow's election of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) in Chittagong.

Two panels of Swachip are now vying for the upcoming polls while opposition backed Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) with the support of Jamaat-back National Doctors Forum (NDF) also fielded a panel for the election.

DAB is refraining from contesting the polls in all other places of the country excepting that of BMA Chittagong district unit.

On last Thursday, DAB decided to contest the BMA Chittagong district election to retain the office in the wake of rivalries between the two groups of Swachip Chittagong unit.

The two Swachip panels are Dr Sheikh Shafiul Azam-Dr Nasiruddin Mahmud Parishad and Prof Dr AQM Sirajul Islam-Dr AMM Minhazur Rahman Parishad.

Shaiful-Nasir Parishad, through newspaper advertisements, claimed it as the lone central committee recognised panel to run the election of BMA, Chittagong district.

However, Sirajul-Minhaz Parishad leaders alleged that Safiul-Nasir Parishad had been formed for only a three-month period about three and a half years ago.

"Both the committees of Swachip district unit and Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) unit lost validity and got dissolved automatically after their tenure expired," said Dr Minhazur Rahman, general secretary candidate of Sirajul-Minhaz Parishad.

Candidates of both the panels are now trying to woo voters by criticising others, sources said.

Shafiul-Nasir Parishad leader Shafiul alleged that the candidates of Sirajul-Minhaz Parishad joined hands with DAB leaders against them.

"The committee was formed for a three-month period. But we continued our office upon the approval of the central committee," he claimed.

DAB submitted its panel where Dr Golam Martuza Harun and Dr Khurshid Jamil will contest for the posts of president and general secretary respectively.

A total of 2,620 doctors will cast vote to elect 23 executive body members of BMA Chittagong district.

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Progressive Teachers Society of Rajshahi University brings out a procession on the campus marking the Jail Killing Day yesterday.

16 jailed in Gopalganj for bank robbery

UNB, *Gopalganj*

A court here on Monday sentenced 16 people to five years rigorous imprisonment in a bank robbery case.

The convicts are M Tutul, Momin, Abdul Mannan, Hafizur Rahman, Murad, Farid, Miran Mollah, Rajib, Bachchu Chowdhury, Liton, Kala Mia, Jewel, Imran Sikder, Raju Mridha, Rana and Eskender Mollah of Kashiyani upazila of the district.

Five of them -- Hafizur, Rajib, Bachchu, Raju, and Liton - were tried in absentia.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 5,000 each, in default, to suffer five months more in prison.

According to the prosecution story, the convicts looted Tk 4,41,819 and 18 bullets from the Joynagar Bazar branch of Rapuli Bank in Kashiyani upazila on January 9, 2005.

After examining the records and witnesses, District Joint Sessions Judge M Solaiman handed down the verdict.

Cops sued on bribery charge in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

A bribery case was filed with Jhalakathi police station on Monday night against Habibur Rahaman, former officer in- charge (OC) of the police station and sub-inspector Fakrul Alam for allegedly forcing one person to bribe implicating him in a fake robbery case.

Md Nazrul Islam, deputy director of Barisal district anti-corruption commission (ACC) filed the case accusing the two for taking Tk 27,000 bribe from the victim's family.

According to the case, the two police officers arrested one Sheikh Hasan from a place at Kathpatty Road in the district town and beat him mercilessly on April 15, 2007. Hearing the news, Nasrin Khanom, wife of the victim, went to the spot and begged them to release her 'innocent' husband.

The two then demanded Tk 30, 000 for her husband's release. Nasrin gave Tk 27,000 to SI Fakrul on the day and promised to give the rest the following day.

But as she failed to pay the rest of the amount, the police officers sent her husband to jail implicating him in a 'false' robbery case, Nasrin alleged.

Deputy director Nazrul Islam of ACC told The Daily Star that Nasrin filed the complaint with ACC and the case is under investigation.

MOVE TO SETTLE INTERNAL FEUD

Top Magura BNP leaders summoned to Dhaka

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

Top ranking leaders of BNP Magura district and upazila units have been summoned to Dhaka amid mounting intra-party feud in the district unit.

Party's Joint Secretary General Selima Rahman asked them to attend a meeting at the party's Nayapaltan office in the capital at 11:00am today, District unit sources said.

Another Joint Secretary General Barkatullah Bulu, Office Secretary Rizvi Ahmed and party's Khulna divisional coordinator Shamsuzzaman Dudu are scheduled to attend the meeting, sources said.

Contacted, Magura district unit BNP's Joint Convener advocate Mokaddes Hossain, also the leader of a faction, said, "We will urge our central leaders to remove Kabir Murad from the post of district convener for his anti-party activities".

Internal feud in BNP Magura district unit surfaced after formation of the convening committee with Kabir Murad as convener in June this year.

It has taken a serious turn following expulsion of Mohammadpur upazila BNP Joint converner Akhteruzzaman and issuance of show cause notices on two joint conveners of Sreepur upazila unit --- Mustafa and Sanat Kumar--by district Convener Kabir Murad on November 1 and 2 for their alleged involvement anti-party activities.

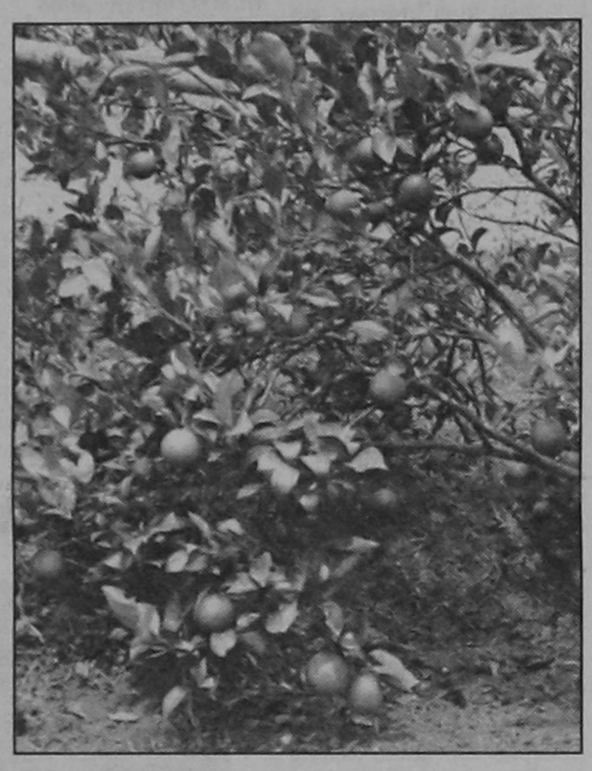
Akhter, Mustafa and Sanat belong to the faction led by district unit Joint Convener Mokaddes Hossain.

Earlier, on October 10, a faction of Mohammadpur upazila BNP led by Akhteruzzaman and Matiur Rahman accused Kabir Murad of forming "pocket committees" at upazila and union levels and demanded his removal from the post of district convener.

On October 24, Mokaddes faction declared Kabir Murad 'unwanted' in the district. The declaration came from an extended meeting of the faction held at district BNP office with advocate Mokaddes Hossain in the chair.

High quality malta from Sylhet in the offing

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, *Sylhet*



Cultivation of a high quality malta has opened up a new avenue for the growers in Sylhet as the region is suitable for producing citrus fruits.

"We have already supplied 2,000 saplings of the juicy fruit to growers this year. Quality of the new fruit variety is good," said agricultural scientist Dr Md Khalilur Rahman Bhuiyan of Citrus Research Centre.

The 'BARI-1' variety of malta was evolved at the Citrus Research Centre of Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI) at Jaintapur of Sylhet in 2005 after years of research.

After experiments, the National Seed Board has approved distribution of its seed among the farmers, said Bhuiyan, senior scientific officer of the centre. Last year, the centre had distributed 1,000 malta saplings among the growers in Sylhet and Moulvibazar districts for the first time.

Sunshine and sandy nature of the soil in Sylhet region is favourable for farming fruits like malta and orange, he said, adding that it is possible to cultivate the fruit here as rainwater does not stay long on the slopes.

"The malta grown at the centre are very sweet and its bright yellow colour and size are very attractive. A fruit weighs between 300 and 500 grams," Bhuiyan said.

The fruit is also being cultivated in Gazipur, Khagrachhari and Panchagarh, the official said, adding that they sent saplings to those areas this year.

"On an average, a plant bears about a hundred fruits. During experiments in the last few years, we found the result encouraging. We hope that the fruit could be grown in other hill areas having same nature of soil," Bhuiyan claimed.

He said, experiments on some more types of malta are going on and it may be possible to get another species within a year.

According to Bhuiyan, making initial pit for plantation of malta saplings is very important. A pit should be one metre both in length and breadth. Around 15 kg cow dung and 200 gram of TSP fertiliser should be dumped in the pit at least 15 days before planting sapling. April-August is most suitable period for planting sapling.

Anwar Hossain, deputy director of agricultural extension department in Sylhet, told The Daily Star yesterday that the weather and soil of the region has been found appropriate for the juicy fruit.

"I have planted malta saplings as per instructions of the agriculture officials. I am hopeful about getting good yield in near future," said Abdul Hasib, a farmer of Baushi village in Golapganj upazila.

5 'molom party' men held in Faridpur

Gang loots house in Pabna making inmates unconscious

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Police yesterday arrested five criminals known as molom party men in C&B ghat area of Faridpur town while a gang made four of a family unconscious by mixing poison in their food and looted gold ornaments and other valuables from their house in Santhia upazila of Pabna district on Sunday night.

The arrested molom party men are Sabuj Hawlader, 38, of Patuakhali, Siraj Mia, 50, of Manikganj, Hanif Hawlader, 48, and Md Jalaluddin, 55,of Shariatpur, and Harun ur Rashid, 65,of Munshiganj district, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

Acting on tip-off, Kotwali police raided Siddik's Boarding in C&B ghat area at around 4:00pm and arrested the five.

Officer-in charge (OC) of Kotwali police station said the culprits were holding a meeting at the boarding for conducting operation at Tepakhola cattle market under Sadar upazila.

Siraj Mia, one of the arrestees, said they have strong networks at Daualtdia - Aricha ferry ghat and at diffrent cattle markets of Faridpur, Rajbari , Barisal and other parts of the country.

In Pabna, a gang made four members of a family unconscious and looted ornaments and other valuables worth Tk 2 lakh from their house at Bonogram village in Santhia upazila on Tuesday night, according to our correspondent.

Police suspected that the gang secretly entered kitchen of Jahangir Ali's house and mixed poison in food items. After taking meal, Jahangir, 35, his wife Beauty, 20, daughter Shapna and son Rafique became unconscious. Taking advantage of the situation, the gang took away gold ornaments, mobile phone sets and other valuables from the house, police added.

As neighbours found the four lying unconscious yesterday morning, they informed the police who rushed the victims to Pabna General Hospital.

PHOTO: STAR

Police arrest five criminals, known as molom party men, in C&B ghat area of Faridpur Town yesterday.

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Election Commission Secretariat

Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs and Facilitating the Issuance of National Identity (ID) Card Project
Islamic Foundation Bhaban (6th Floor), Agargaon, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Election Commission Secretariat.	
2	Agency	Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs and Facilitating the Issuance of National Identity (ID) Card Project (PERP & FINIDC).	
3	Procuring entity	Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs and Facilitating the Issuance of National Identity (ID) Card Project (PERP & FINIDC), Election Commission Secretariat (ECS).	
4	Procuring entity district	Procured items will be used by all Regional, District, Upazila & Thana Election Offices nationwide.	
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Upazila Office Furniture Table, Chair and Computer Table (Total± 501 Sets).	
6	Invitation Ref No.	File No. PERP & FINIC/Pro:/Tender/040/2009.	
7	Date	Issued on: 02/11/2009	
KEY INFORMATION			
8	Procurement method	National Open Tendering Method (NOTM).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9	Budget and source of funds	GOB.	
10	Development partners (if applicable)	UNDP Pool Fund.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
11	Project/programme code	5040.	
12	Project/programme name	Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs and Facilitating the Issuance of National Identity (ID) Card (PERP & FINIDC).	
13	Tender package no.	G-23(11).	
14	Name of tender package	Upazila Office Furniture Table, Chair and Computer Table.	
15	Tender publication date	03/11/2009	
16	Tender last selling date	09/12/2009 up to 2:00pm.	
17	Tender closing date and time	10/12/2009	12:30pm
18	Tender opening date and time	10/12/2009	1:30pm.
19	Name & address of the office(s)		
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs and Facilitating the Issuance of National Identity (ID) Card Project Office, Islamic Foundation Bhaban (6th Floor), Agargaon, Dhaka.	
	- Selling tender document (others)	Bangladesh Election Commission, Planning Section, Room No-19, Block No-5, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.	
	- Receiving tender document	1. Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs and Facilitating the Issuance of National Identity (ID) Card Project Office, Islamic Foundation Bhaban (6th Floor), Agargaon, Dhaka. 2. Bangladesh Election Commission, Planning Section, Room No-19, Block No-5, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.	
	- Opening tender document	Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs and Facilitating the Issuance of National Identity (ID) Card Project Office, Islamic Foundation Bhaban (6th Floor), Agargaon, Dhaka.	
20	Place/date/time	PERP & FINIDC Project Conference Room.	
	Pre-tender meeting	Date: 2-12-2009 Time: 11.00am	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
21	Eligibility of tenderer	A. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. B. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 2 years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services. C. Tenderers must fulfil special eligibility and qualifications requirements mentioned in the technical specifications against package. D. The tenderer must have established operation in minimum 30 districts of Bangladesh in the form of sales center, agent, distributor or workshop.	
22	Brief description of works	Not applicable.	
23	Brief description of physical services	Not applicable.	
24	Price of tender documents	Tk.5000.00 (five thousand) only.	

	Lot No	Identification of lot	Location for delivery	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
25	A	Table 1. Table with Annexure for Officer (501 Pcs)	Regional, District, Upazila & Thana Election Offices nationwide		1. 50% of each item within 12 weeks (including all holidays) from the date of issuance of Notification of Award. 2. Rest 50% within 12 weeks (including all holidays) from the date of acceptance of delivery of 1st 50% by the Regional, District, Upazila & Thana Election Offices nationwide.
		2. Table for Office Clerk and other (1002 Pcs)	Do		
		3. Common Table (501 Pcs)	Do		
		Chair 1. Chair for Officer (501 Pcs)	Do		
		2. Chair for Clerk and Visitor (7014 Pcs)	Do		
		3. Chair (Armless) (1002 Pcs)	Do	10,00,000	
26	B	1. Computer Table (A Type) (501 Pcs)	Do	5,00,000	
		2. Computer Table (B Type) (501 Pcs)	Do		

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27	Name of official inviting tender	National Project Director.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	National Project Director.
29	Address of official inviting tender	Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs and Facilitating the Issuance of National Identity (ID) Card Project, Dhaka, Islamic Foundation Bhaban (6th Floor), Agargaon, Dhaka.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No: 880-2-8153195 Fax: 880-2-8153005 E-mail: shahadatc@gmail.com

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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National Project Director
PERP Project