

INTERNAL FEUD UNRESOLVED FOR MONTHS

Barisal city BNP leaders summoned to Dhaka

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal city BNP leaders have been summoned to Dhaka as they failed to form a full-fledged committee of the unit due to internal feud.

The high command asked the city unit leaders to attend a meeting at the party's central office at Nayapaltan in the capital at 1:00pm today.

Internal feud in Barisal city BNP surfaced after formation a convening committee by party high command on June 9 this year with Mahmud Golam Salek as convener and Ahsan Habib Kamal and five others as joint conveners.

Though the convening committee was asked to form a 51-member full-fledged body as early as possible, it could not comply with the directive of the high command due to rifts among the front

ranking city leaders.

Leaders and activists of the unit are divided into two groups. One is led Salek while the other by Kamal. Salek group is reportedly backed by district BNP Convener Majibor Rahman Sarwar MP.

The conflict surfaced anew on June 16 when two rival factions clashed during party council in the city. Later, they took up separate programmes and held rallies in the city on different occasions.

The central committee at a special extended meeting here in August asked the city leaders to resolve the intra-party feud and hold the council within September. But they could not hold the council, party insiders said.

Internal conflict took a serious turn on October 29 when the two factions brought out separate processions on

Ashwani Kumar Hall premises in the city demanding withdrawal of cases against Tareque Rahman.

"As the full-fledged committee is yet to be formed due to intra-party conflict, dedicated leaders and activists are frustrated and have distanced themselves from party activities", a senior leader said.

Talking to The Daily Star, City Joint Convener Ahsan Habib Kamal said though the high command asked to form the committee within the shortest possible time, the convener is yet to call any meeting in this regard.

Contacted, City Convener Mahmud Golam Salek said, "The joint conveners and other top leaders are not interested to form a full-fledged committee. Party interest is not important to them", he added.

SNIPPETS

54 mobiles recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members in Tangail in a drive yesterday recovered 54 mobile phone sets. Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-12 led by its deputy assistant director Mohammad Hafiz Uddin raided a Chittagong-bound passenger bus from Naogaon at Jamuna bridge eastern end and recovered the phone sets of different companies. None was arrested as the mobile phone sets worth about Tk 3 lakh were found in an abandoned state, Rab sources said.

Fake diagnostic centre

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in a drive on Monday unearthed an unlicensed diagnostic centre and arrested its owner and two 'fake' physicians near Hira cinema hall at Gobindganj. A team of Rab-5 also shut down Prottyasha Diagnostic Centre and Clinic after arresting its owner Harun-ur-Rashid and two fake physicians Golzar Rahman and Rahima Akhter Rani. Rab said, the arrestees were doing lab and clinic business without any permission of the authorities concerned. In a separate drive, the Rab team also recovered 139 packets of Indian spices from a place in Gobindganj municipal area. The spices were lying abandoned beside the road.

Truck, train collide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Train and bus communication with several districts remained suspended for about a couple of hours when a train rammed a bus at a rail crossing in Birampur upazila on Tuesday night. Nobody was wounded but the truck was mangled, police and railway officials said. Eyewitnesses said, a Dinajpur bound truck loaded with fertiliser suddenly stopped on Birampur level crossing due to engine problem at 8:30pm. Meantime, intercity train Borendra Express bound for Chilahati hit the bus at 8:45pm creating panic among the pedestrians. The rail and road communication was restored after removal of the wreckage of the truck at about 11 pm.

Old man drowns in Khulna

UNB, Khulna

Police recovered the body of an old man yesterday morning, who went missing in a trawler capsized in the Bhadra River in Dakope upazila on Tuesday night. The victim was identified as Nasir Gazi, 103, of Kalaragi village. Police said, a Sutarkhali bazaar-bound trawler carrying six passengers capsized in the river when hit by another trawler coming from opposite direction at about 9:30 pm. Five of the passengers managed to swim ashore but Nasir went missing.

Shops, factories fined

UNB, Jhalakathi

A mobile court on Tuesday fined five establishments Tk 75,000 on charge of various irregularities. Led by Nejarat Deputy Collector (NDC) Dr Mizanur Rahman, the court realised fine from two tin shops, two salt factories and one vermicelli factory in the town. A shop owned by one Firoz Ahmed and another shop belonging to Nishi Enterprise were fined Tk 25,000 each on charge of selling tin without BSTI seal. Crescent Salt and Lucky Salt factories were also fined Tk 20,000 each for not renewing BSTI's license and Litu Vermicelli Factory Tk 5,000 for not having BSTI's license.



PHOTO: STAR

Police arrest a constable (left) and three others on charge of looting cash and cell phone from a businessman in Shahjalal Bridge area of Sylhet city.

Police among four held for mugging

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Kotwali police on Monday night caught four people including a police constable on charge of looting cash and cell phones from a businessman in the city's Shahjalal Bridge area.

They were sent to the jail hajat by a court on Tuesday afternoon as a case was filed against them.

Police said, Sundar Ali, a businessman from Beanibazar upazila was waylaid by the gang near a bridge while coming to Sylhet city at about 8:30pm. The gang mugged Tk 84,000 and two mobile phones from Sundar

and fled on an auto-rickshaw. The victim, however, noted down the auto-rickshaw number and informed the matter to police immediately.

A police team from South Surma police outpost caught the four muggers and seized the vehicle at Lakhaura on the outskirts of the city just an hour after the incident.

The arrestees are constable Habibur Rahman Habib of Sylhet district police line, Almas of Rainagar area, Suhel of Shahi Eidgah area and UK expatriate Mohsin of Mazumdari area.

They were produced before the judicial magistrate's court on Tuesday which sent them to the jail hajat.

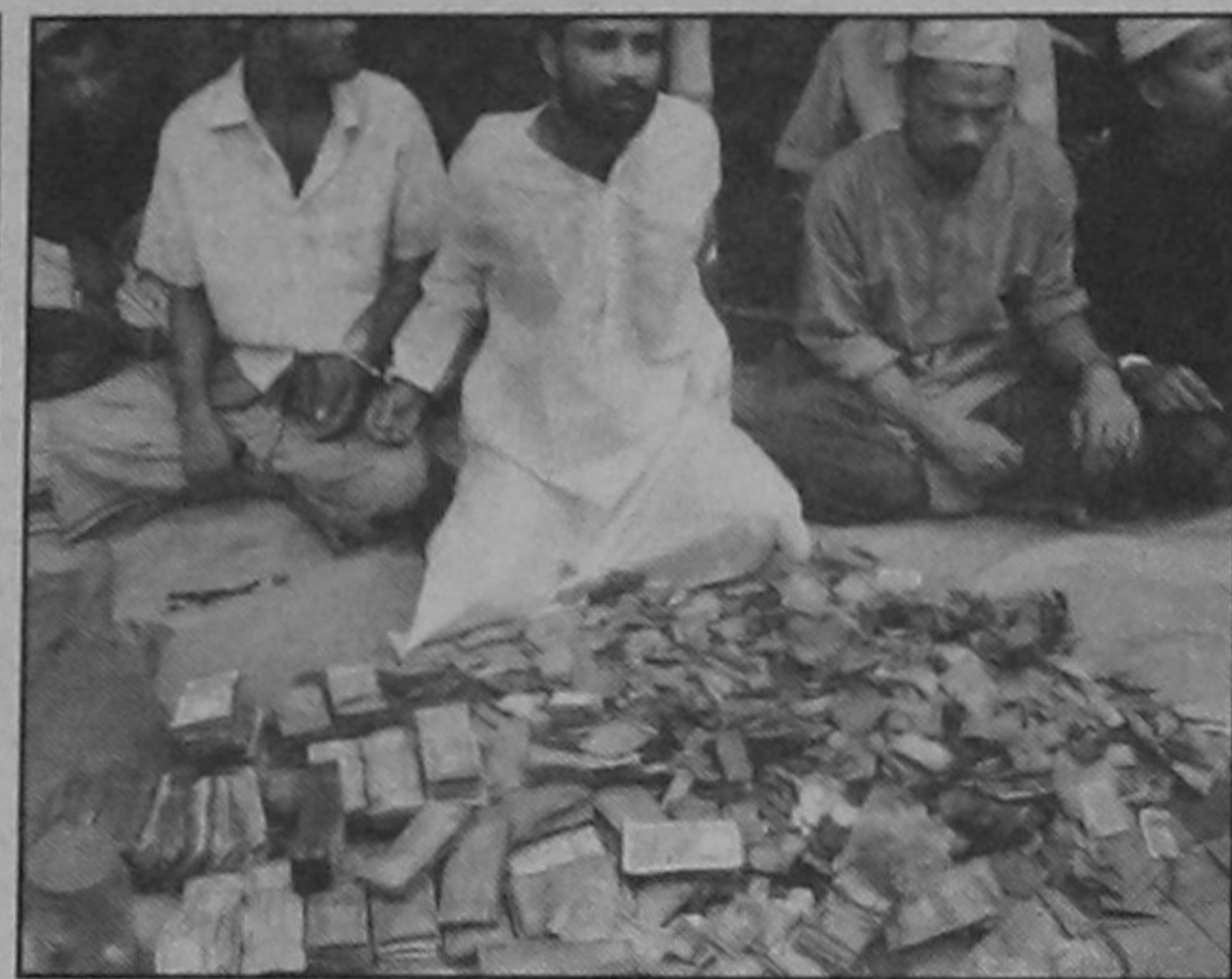


PHOTO: STAR

Rapid Action Battalion arrests fake spiritual healer Fakir Badsha and his 10 accomplices and seized huge amount of money from his abode at Barun Baria village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila Tuesday.

Fake spiritual healer arrested with huge money, hemp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a fake spiritual healer along with 10 accomplices from his abode at Barun Baria village under Patuakhali Sadar upazila on Tuesday noon.

Rab also seized huge currency notes and ganja from there.

The arrestees are 'spiritual healer' Fakir Badsha, 38, and his accomplices Shamim, 20, Abul, 24, Ayub Ali, 18, Masum, 30, Selim, 35, Hanif, 22, Sohel Rana, 26, Sabuj, 28, Rahim, 26, and Helal -- all hailing from Barun Baria village.

A team of Rab-8 led by DAD Akram busted the abode about 20 km south of Patuakhali town.

After setting up the centre

at his house in February this year, Badsha started taking money from locals by giving them 'water with healing power', said Rab and locals.

Thousands of people of different ages came to Badsha to take treatment and he earned huge amount of money from them, said locals.

Four people including three children died as a trawler, carrying over 70 people who were returning home after taking water from Badsha, capsized in the river last week, said local union parishad Chairman Bashir Uddin.

During a visit to the area on Tuesday noon, this correspondent saw that over a hundred shops were set up in the road in front of Badsha's house as a large number of people gathered there daily.

KILLING OF BHERAMARA AL MAN Police start grilling woman outlaw

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kustia

The police yesterday started quizzing Nahid Parvin Champa, a cadre of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz, about the murders of Bheramara Awami League leader Meherul Alam and college teacher Fattah Mohon.

According to sources, the arms including an AK-47 rifle, recovered from Kustia Mahila AL leader Taslima Khan Anki on November 3, could have been used in killing Bheramara upazila unit AL joint secretary Meherul and BJM College teacher Mohon on August 15.

Police suspect that Champa carried those weapons.

Bheramara police on Tuesday produced Champa, arrested on November 5, before court praying for a seven-day remand. After the hearing, Magistrate Selina

Akter of Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Kustia, granted a three-day remand for Champa.

Champa's elder sister Nasrin, another suspected GMF cadre who is now absconding, allegedly accompanied Champa while transporting the weapons.

Police said more information on underground party activities in the district would be gleaned after the arrest of Nasrin.

Four female cadres have been arrested in the district in the drive launched on November 4 to net the suspected women activists of outlawed parties. They all belong to the GME

"Women cadres are used mostly as safe carriers of firearms and ammunition. They are paid for their services," Kustia SP Sahabuddin Khan told The Daily Star over phone.

30 injured as rival AL men clash in Bhola

UNB, Bhola

At least 30 people were injured in a clash between two groups of Awami League (AL) activists at Tojumuddin Bazaar in Tojumuddin upazila on Friday night.

Police quoting locals said there was a longstanding enmity between district AL general secretary Wahidullah Jashim and president Abul Kashem Talukdar over estab-

lishing supremacy in Moheshkhali coastal fishing area.

Witnesses said, the clash broke out when Kashem group went to catch fish in the area. At one stage Kashem's men took position in the bazaar area and vandalised some shops of Jashim group.

Later, a chase and counter chase took place between the two groups that left 30 people injured from both sides.



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The Small and Medium Enterprise Foundation (SMEF) is registered under section 28 of the companies Act 1994, with the objectives to provide policy support and business development services for creating an enabling environment to facilitate development of SMEs in Bangladesh. The Foundation invites applications from Bangladeshi nationals for the following positions:

| Name of the Position | Qualifications and Experience | Job Description |
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| General Manager | Educational Qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA or Masters degree in Economics, Management, Statistics and other Social Sciences having strong academic background. Applicants with academic excellence will be given preference. Experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 12 years working experience with proven track record in professional organizations relating to SME development, Human resource Management, Gender equality and Poverty alleviation; Having experience of working in Multilateral Donor Agencies will be considered as an added advantage; Ability to work under pressure in a challenging environment; Should have interpersonal, consensus building and negotiating skills; Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Bangla; Computer literacy is indispensable. Age between 45-50 years on 01 July 2009. | The candidate is expected to be involved in a series of activities to assist the CEO like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Personnel policy for SMEF; Oversee all administrative and office management matters in order to ensure high quality office performance; Develop detail activities and budget plans based on the agreed annual work plan; Provide necessary support to CEO for revisions of the work plan and budget plan which are necessary during implementation; Develop action plan for human resource development of SMEF; Provide technical advisory support to the activities monitoring, financial planning, identify bottlenecks and propose actions to expedite delivery of inputs in a responsible, transparent and accountable manner. |

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| Deputy General Manager(s) | Educational Qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA and/or Masters degree in any other social science disciplines with at least second class at all levels. Preferences will be given to candidates specializing in Business Administration, Economics, Management, Statistics and other Social Sciences. Experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 10 years working experience in industrial development, SME development, Human resources development, Planning and M&E, industrial policy development and poverty alleviation, women development and gender equality; Ability to work under pressure in a challenging environment; Should have interpersonal, consensus building and negotiating skills; Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Bangla; Computer literacy is indispensable; Candidates having experiences in women development and gender balance, Planning and M&E related works are especially encouraged to apply; Preference will be given to those who have some exposure to women entrepreneurship development; Age between 40-45 years on 01 July 2009 (Age may be relaxed for deserving candidates). Women are specially encouraged to apply | The candidate is expected to be involved in a series of activities to assist the CEO/GM like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop framework and strategic directions for women entrepreneurship development in the SME sectors; Develop detail action plan to promote women-led trade bodies/associations for building their institutional capacity and competitiveness; Initiate project to create favorable environment for women entrepreneurs and bring them in the mainstream of development process; Develop linkage with different Govt. Non-govt. and donor agencies to strengthen institutional capacities to assist women entrepreneurship development; |
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| Assistant General Manager | Educational Qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA and/or Masters degree in any other social science disciplines with at least second class at all levels. Preferences will be given to candidates specializing in Business Administration, Economics, Management, Statistics and other Social Sciences. Experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 to 7 years working experience in industrial development, SME development, women development and gender equality. Ability to work under pressure in a challenging environment; Should have interpersonal, consensus building and negotiating skills; Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Bangla; Computer literacy is indispensable; Candidates having experiences in women development and gender balance, Planning and M&E related works are especially encouraged to apply; Preference will be given to those who have some exposure to women entrepreneurship development; Age between 30-35 years on 01 July 2009. (Age may be relaxed for deserving candidates). Women are specially encouraged to apply | The candidate is expected to take initiative with the concern wing head to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed framework and strategic directions to identify the gender gaps, needs, interests, and opportunities issues involved in women entrepreneurship development in the SME sectors; Develop detail action plan to promote women-led trade bodies/associations for building their institutional capacity and competitiveness. Initiate project to create favorable environment for women entrepreneurs and bring them in the mainstream of development process; Develop linkage and liaison with different Govt., Non-govt. and donor agencies to strengthen institutional capacities for women entrepreneurship development; |
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| Assistant General Manager | Educational Qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA and/or Masters degree in any other social science disciplines with at least second class at all levels. Preferences will be given to candidates specializing in Business Administration, Economics, Management, Statistics and other Social Sciences. Experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 6 to 7 years working experience in SME Development, Industrial development and applied research; At least 05 publications in referred journals. Ability to work under pressure in a challenging environment; Should have interpersonal, consensus building and negotiating skills; Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Bangla; Computer literacy is indispensable; Candidates having strong and proven research background are especially encouraged to apply; Age between 30-35 years on 01 July 2009. (Age may be relaxed for deserving candidates) | The candidate is expected to take initiative with the concern wing head to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategic action plan for SME development; Develop plan to initiate action research; Conduct sector and sub-sector study; Conduct action research to generate and provide updated information to the government to help SME policy formulation; Conduct SME Survey/census; Develop and maintain SME data bank which will be equipped with latest/updated information; |
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| Program Manager(s) | Educational Qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA and/or Masters degree in any other social science disciplines with at least second class at all levels. Preferences will be given to candidates specializing in Business Administration, Economics, Management, Statistics and other Social Sciences. Experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 years working experience in SME sector, enterprise development, gender equality, program planning & development, Human resources development for SME sector; Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Bangla; Computer literacy is indispensable; Ability to work under pressure in a challenging environment; Should have interpersonal, consensus building and negotiating skills; Age maximum 35 years on 01 July 2009. | The candidate will be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the programs to achieve the targets of the annual action plan; Provide necessary feedback to implement the action plan; Identification of strategic and innovative working areas of cooperation. Accordingly, prepare programme implementation strategic frameworks; Document best practices, covering concepts, strategies and implementation approaches and support the management in streamlining, activities, policies, and practices; Maintain information on overall activities /programs. |
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| Program Officer(s) | Educational Qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA and/or Masters degree in any other social science disciplines with at least second class at all levels. Preferences will be given to candidates specializing in Business Administration, Economics, Management, Statistics and other Social Sciences. Experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 02 years working experience in professional organizations with proven track record; Ability to work under pressure in a challenging environment; Should have interpersonal, consensus building and negotiating skills; Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Bangla; Computer literacy is indispensable; Candidates having research related background are especially encouraged to apply; Age 32 years on 01 July 2009. | The candidate will be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the programs to achieve the targets of the annual action plan; Provide necessary feedback to implement the action plan; Identification of strategic and innovative working areas of cooperation. Accordingly, prepare programme implementation strategic frameworks; Document best practices, covering concepts, strategies and implementation approaches and support the management in streamlining, activities, policies, and practices; Maintain information on overall activities /programs. |
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Interested candidates are requested to send their complete CV with two copies of recent passport size photographs along with educational and experience certificates and a cover letter addressed to the Managing Director (MD), Small and Medium Enterprise Foundation (SMEF) to the following address on or before **December 10, 2009 by 5.00PM**. Please indicate the name of position applied for on the top of the envelop.

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