

## Disgruntled party men sue Delwar, 6 others

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BNP Secretary General Khondaker Delwar Hossain, Joint Secretary General (in charge of Sylhet division) Nazrul Islam Khan and five others have been sued on charge of forming Jamalganj upazila unit committee under Sunamganj district illegally.

Four leaders of the unit, who were dropped from the newly formed committee, filed the case with the Assistant Judge's Court (Jamalganj) in Sunamganj on

Sunday.

The complainants are former president of upazila Krishak Dal Nurul Haque Afendi, former vice-president of upazila BNP Tajuddin, former joint secretary Wali Ullah Sarker and former general secretary of Juba Dal upazila unit Abdul Malik.

The complainants alleged that the committee of the upazila unit was declared on October 29, ignoring the opinion of the leaders activists of the unit. They sought court orders for declaring the committee illegal and

restricting its activities.

The judge asked the defendants to show cause within seven days why the newly formed committee of Jamalganj upazila BNP should not be declared illegal.

The other accused in the case are Sunamganj district BNP Convener and former whip Fazlul Haque Aspia and district BNP Joint Convener Dr Rafique Chowdhury, upazila BNP Convener Abdur Rab, Joint Convener Abu Saleh and Organising Secretary Mohammad Ali.

## Girl burnt to death; shops, godowns gutted

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A three-year-old girl was burnt to death in a fire in Madaripur district while 24 shops and four godowns were gutted in Brahmanbaria and Chittagong yesterday.

According to a Madaripur Correspondent, Sadia, 3, was burnt to death in a fire yesterday at Shirkhara Chorghunchi Mridhakandi village. Four houses were also gutted damaging property worth Tk 3 lakh.

Sources said, the fire originated from the kitchen of one Harun Mridha in the afternoon. In no time, four houses including dwelling houses of Harun Mridha and his brother Abul Mridha were gutted in the fire, they said.

Harun Mridha's daughter Sadia who was inside the house was burnt to death.

Our Correspondent in Brahmanbaria reports: At least 24 shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Nasirpur Bazar under Nasirnagar upazila yesterday afternoon.

According to the fire fighters, the fire originated from a short circuit in a workshop and engulfed 23 other adjacent shops in the market.

According to preliminary estimate, the fire damaged property worth about Tk one crore.

Our Staff Correspondent in Chittagong reports: A huge quantity of goods including imported baby food, chemical, fertiliser and other items were gutted here in the port city yesterday in a fire at a private firm's four store-houses.

The fire originated at a storehouse of Manik Enterprise at Majhirhat area under Double Mooring police station around 1:00am.

The fire spread fast to the three adjoining storehouses of Nur Trading Corporation, Shah Sweet Trading and Yasir Enterprise.

Thirteen fire fighting units from the city's different fire stations rushed to the spot and managed to douse the blaze around 4:00am but could not find out the reason behind the fire.

The estimated loss was Tk 1 crore, claimed owners.

## Burglars loot Tk 1cr from bank at Daudkandi

Cheats attempt to take away Tk 60,000 from another bank in Jhalakathi

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Burglars looted around Tk 1 crore from a bank branch at Daudkandi in Comilla district while cheats attempted to take away Tk 60,000 from another bank in Jhalakathi district on Sunday.

Burglars decamped with Tk 1 crore from Daudkandi branch of Agrani Bank on Sunday night, according to UNB.

Police said, the burglars entered the bank by cutting its collapsible gate at dead of night and looted the amount by breaking open a locker.

Bank officials said, there was no guard in the bank on duty on that night.

In Jhalakathi, police arrested two

cheats on Sunday along with Tk 60,000 fraudulently taken away from the National Bank branch in the district town.

The arrestees were identified as M Mashur Rahman Hawladar, 26, of Ishwarkati village and M Osman Mallik, 19, of Uttambad village of Nalchhiti upazila.

Police said, expatriate Abdur Rahman of Raipasha village in Sadar upazila used to send money to his wife Jahanara Begum through the National Bank.

Mashur went to Jahanara's house on Saturday night and convinced her to have an insurance policy to pro-

tect herself and her son from possible mishaps.

Jahanara came to the bank along with Mashur and his gang at about 10:00am and gave them a cheque for Tk 60,000.

Meanwhile, a member of the gang left the bank after drawing the amount but Mashur told Jahanara that he did not know the man.

Sensing something wrong, bank officials detained Mashur and interrogated him. Afterwards, they compelled Mashur to make a call over cell phone, his accomplice Osman appeared at the scene with the money.

The bank authorities handed them over to police.

## Top Gano Mukti Fouz leader held in India

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Aminul Islam Mukul, one of the founders of extremist outfit Gano Mukti Fouz (GMF), was arrested in India on Saturday night.

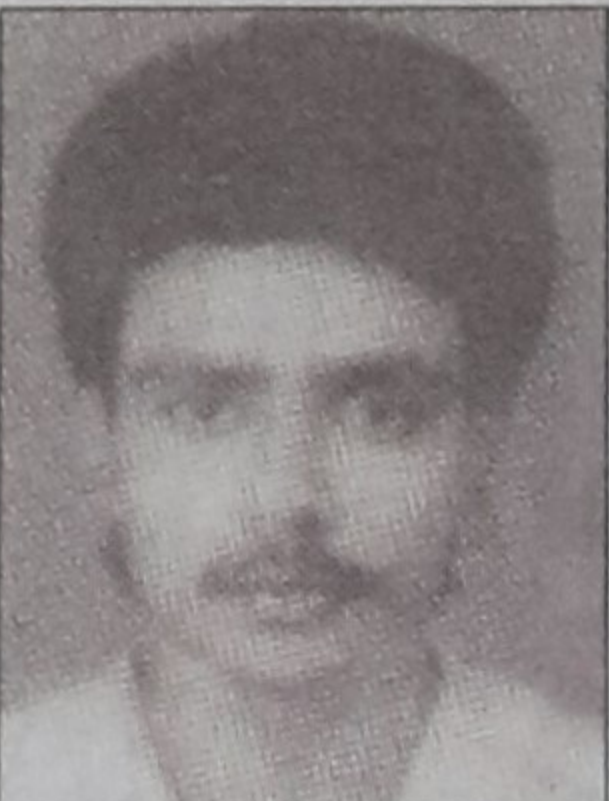
An Indian court on Sunday placed Mukul on five-day remand, police said.

A team of Bangladeshi police led by sub-divisional police chief Soumendra Das raided a house owned by one Robin Roy at Ramkrishna Palli in North 24 Parganas district in West Bengal at about 9:30pm and arrested him.

Mukul was residing at a rented house there with some of his accomplices for the last three years.

Police said, they seized his passport which showed him as Nur-e-Alam alias Alam.

Police also recovered a ration card of the same iden-



Aminul Islam Mukul

tity issued by West Bengal government.

Shahin Rumi, second-in-command of the outfit, who was also hiding in India in the pseudonym of Sohel Ahmed alias Dipu was with him but he managed to escape arrest, police said.

A source close to the outfit claimed that police also

seized a huge amount of Bangladeshi, Indian and US currencies from Mukul.

Police at first interrogated Mukul at their office and later produced him before North 24 Parganas court on Sunday seeking five days remand. The court granted the prayer.

Sources said, Indian police are processing a case against Mukul accusing him of intrusion in Indian territory.

According to Kushtia police, Mukul was leading GMF for the last nine years after the killing of the outfit's founder Mir Ilyas Hossain Dilip in July, 2000.

Hailing from Alampur village in Sadar upazila in Kushtia, Mukul is an accused in at least 50 murder cases filed with different police stations in Kushtia, Jhenidah and Chuadanga.

COURT ORDER ON AUG 17 SERIAL BLASTS IN HABIGANJ

## Publish notification in dailies on fugitive JMB chief, 2 others

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Habiganj district and sessions judge Md Mahubul Ullah, also the special tribunal judge, yesterday ordered publication of notification in newspapers showing fugitive JMB chief Moulana Saidur Rahman and two others as accused in the August 17 serial blasts cases.

Meanwhile, a court in Jhenidah on Sunday fixed November 25 as date for remand hearing of 14 JMB militants while another militant was remanded in Jhalakathi yesterday.

According to our Staff Correspondent in Sylhet, five other accused in the cases were produced in Habiganj court yesterday.

The judge on October 4 last had issued warrants for arrest and ordered attachment of property of the JMB chief and two other accused in the five cases.

Eight JMB men were charge sheeted in the cases. Among them, JMB chief Moulana Saidur Rahman, Shafiqul Islam and Saleh Uddin are still at large.

The judge yesterday also fixed January 18, 2010 for charge framing. The court was informed about property attachment reports given by the police.

Amid tight security, police later produced in court AHM Shamim, alleged IT chief of JMB, also son of Moulana Saidur, Azizul Islam Gazi, Abu Huzaifa Sumon, Belal Hossain Tamim and Salah Uddin from Habiganj District Jail, Sylhet Central Jail and from the capital city.

The serial blasts on August 17, 2005 took place at nine spots of Habiganj-on DC office premises, at district bar library, municipal market, Kotwali police station and on SP office premises.



PHOTO: STAR

Five JMB men, including IT chief of the banned militant outfit Shamim, were produced in a special tribunal at Habiganj yesterday.

Police filed charge sheet against the eight accused in November and December last year.

Earlier, names of Shaikh Abdur Rahman and Siddiquil Islam Bangla Bhai were dropped from the charge sheet as their death sentences were implemented in other cases.

Our Correspondent in Jhenidah reports: A court on Sunday fixed November 25 for the hearing of remand of 14 JMB militants.

Earlier, police prayed for taking the militants on 10 days remand.

The militants were arrested recently from the house of Malek Joarder, a retired primary school teacher, near the district

truck terminal in the town.

Police recovered nine mobile sets, copies of Bible, Quran and other Islamic booklets and first information report (FIR) on August 21, 2004 bomb blasts from their possession.

The arrestees are Shafiqul Islam of Pabna Muktapara, Alamgir Hossain of Sujanagar, Shafahan and Laltu Sheikh of Jhenidah town, Akram Ali of Bhutiargati, Mintu of Chowgacha under Jessore district, Rabiul Of Kotchandpur upazila of the district, Faruk Hossain, Tuhin Mahmud, Shahinur, Abu Sayed of Kaliganj upazila of the district, Ali Hossain of Meherpur district, Hasan of Pabna and Nazrul Islam of

Gaibandha.

UNB from Jhalakati adds: A member of militant outfit JMB arrested recently in connection with Advocate Haider Hossain killing case, was taken on a five-day remand yesterday.

Militant Mehedi Hasan alias Abir alias Tanvir alias Mushfique, 31, hailed from Bandorgasia in Barguna district.

The CID police produced him before the Senior Judicial Magistrate's court and prayed for 10-day remand. After hearing, the court granted remand for five days.

Earlier, on October 26, a team of Rab-11 arrested him along with some explosives from Rupganj upazila in Narayanganj district.



PHOTO: STAR

A large number of students join a human chain in front of Chittagong Press Club yesterday as residents of Chandgaon in the port city organised the programme demanding steps for development of the area.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF VGF-VGD RICE

## UP chairman arrested, another jailed

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Police yesterday arrested a union parishad (UP) chairman in Nilphamari on charge of misappropriating rice under government's special vulnerable group feeding (VGF) programme meant for poor and distressed people before Eid-ul-Azha.

Meanwhile, a Faridpur court on Sunday jailed a UP chairman for misappropriation of rice under VGF and VGD.

Our Nilphamari Correspondent quoting sources said, yesterday was the schedule date for distributing VGF rice in Charaikhola union of Nilphamari Sadar upazila. The food department allocated 247 bags of rice, each containing 85 kg, against 2100 VGF cardholders in the union. Each cardholder was supposed to get 10 kg of rice.

But at the time of distribution, local people noticed that there are 217 bags of rice instead of 247 bags. They immediately brought the matter to the district administration and sought its intervention.

Without any delay, ADC (general) Siddiqui Rahman along with a police team went to the spot and detected the irregularities.

Police arrested Charaikhola union chairman Mahabubur Rahman from the spot and took him to custody.

Chairman Mahubub, however, claimed that due to transportation shortage he could not bring the rest 30 bags rice to the distribution venue, adding he kept them at a safe place for bringing those at a convenient time.

Our Correspondent in Faridpur reports: A court on

Sunday sentenced a UP chairman to two years rigorous imprisonment (RI) for misappropriation of relief goods.

He was also fined Tk 16,806, in default, to suffer three months more in jail.

Convict Sharif Rafiquzzaman is a UP chairman of Gopinathpur under Sadar upazila in Gopalganj district.

Court sources said, Sharif embezzled a portion of 23 metric tonnes of wheat and around five and a half tonnes of rice sanctioned for VGF and VGD in 1999.

Gopalganj Sadar Nur Hossain Talukdar filed a case in this connection on May 5, 1999 under Anti Corruption Act.

AKM Sirajul Islam, special Judge of Faridpur court handed down the verdict at noon on Sunday.

## 7 injured as robbers fire at villagers

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Seven people were injured as armed robbers opened fire on the villagers at Imam Nagar village under Boalkhali upazila of the district early yesterday.

The bullet-hit villagers are Joyal Abedin, 35, Manirul Huda, 18, Rokon Mian, 22, Shamsul Alam, 45, Morshed Alam, 36, Mostafa Kamal, 21, and Joyal Abedin, 34.

Locals said a gang of robbers stormed into the houses of Mohammad Ishak and Jamir Ahmed at the village at around 3:45am.

They looted seven tolas of gold ornaments, three mobile phone sets, money and other valuables from the houses and beat up three - Ishak, Khurshida and Fazlul Haque - as they tried to resist the gang, said local union parishad (UP) member Mrinal Kanti Biswas.

When the members of the two families cried for help, the villagers chased the robbers who opened fire, leaving seven of them (villagers) injured, he said.

## Date, venue of BNP Ctg north unit council shifted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The date and venue for BNP Chittagong north district unit council have been shifted following opposition from a faction of Hathazari unit. Now the council will be held in Sitakunda on December 3, party sources said.

Chittagong north district BNP convening committee had earlier fixed November 25 for holding the council on the premises of Nasiman Bhaban in the city.

Convener of the unit Golam Akbar Khondaker said, "We have shifted the date at the directive of party high command since several local committees are yet to be formed."

"We have also changed the venue as no place is available in the city for holding the council on that day," Khondaker said, adding that the council would be held at a community centre at

Faujderhat in Sitakunda.

Sources said reported irregularities in election to Hathazari upazila committee on Saturday prompted president candidate Nazim Uddin to file a legal suit and the court issued an injunction on the election.

After the court vacated the injunction on Sunday, upazila unit Convener SM Fazlul Haq, also a joint-

convener of the district unit, continued the polling yesterday that angered Nazim-led faction backed by north district Joint Convener Syed Wahidul Alam.

At this stage, BNP Joint Secretary General Goyeshwar Chandra Roy held a meeting with Chittagong north district unit Convener Golam Akbar Khondaker and other leaders

in the capital yesterday.

At the meeting, Goyeshwar asked Golam Akbar and other leaders to shift the date and venue of the council to avert any untoward incident.

The council of BNP Chittagong city unit was foiled amid clashes on November 16 while two factions of the south district unit held separate councils on Sunday.

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