

# Several districts got taste of freedom on this day

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On December 8 in 1971, several areas of the country including Moulvibazar, Brahmanbaria, Patuakhali and Chuadanga districts were freed from the Pakistani occupation forces.

Freedom fighters fought quite a few battles against Pakistan forces at different places of Moulvibazar district during the Liberation War.

In the battle at Dholoi Border outpost under Kamalganj upazila, Sipahi Hamidur Rahman sacrificed his life to save his fellow freedom fighters.

After the independence, Hamidur Rahman was awarded the country's highest gallantry award 'Birshrestha' along with six other war heroes.

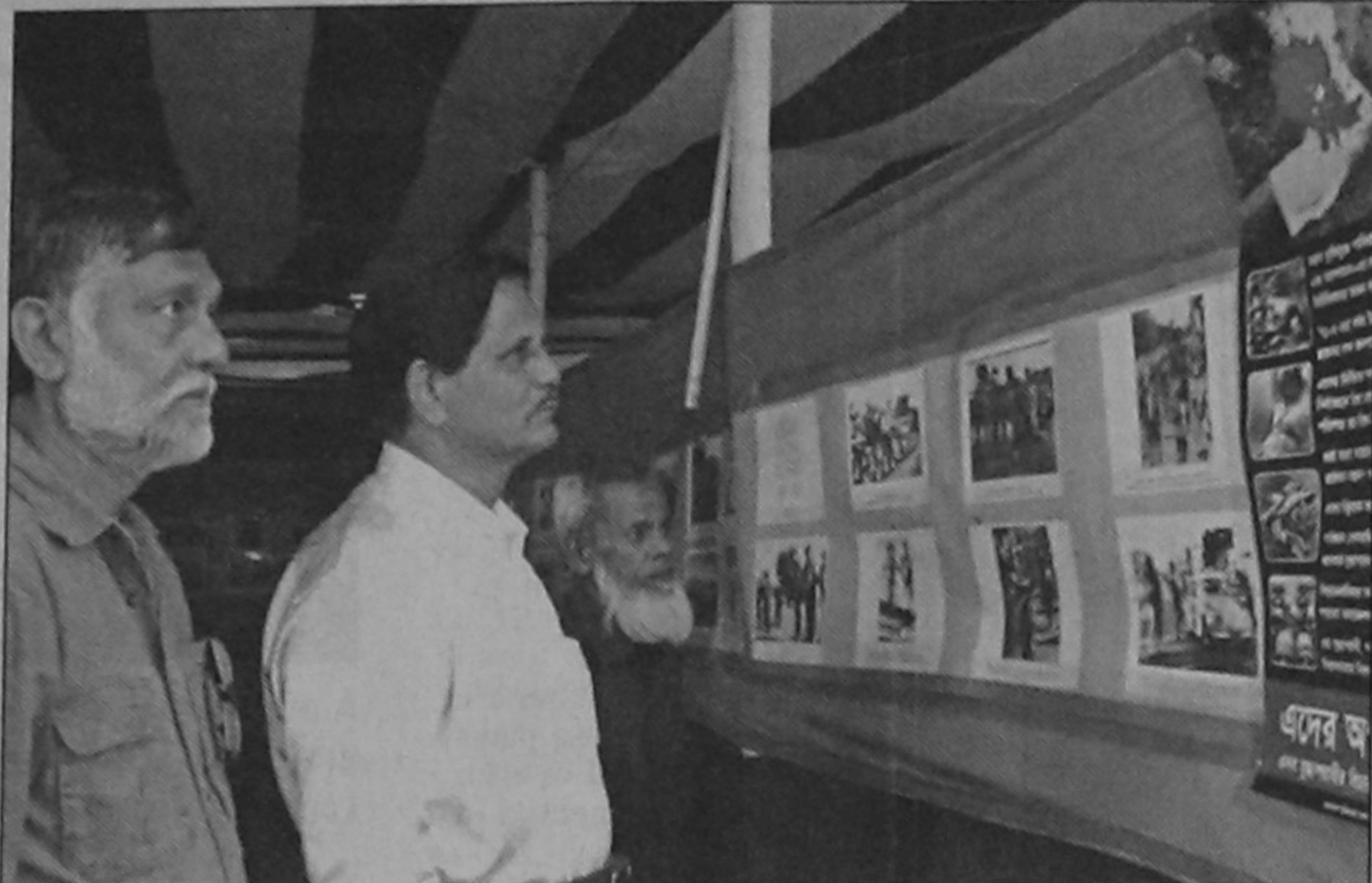
On December 2, freedom fighters and Indian allied forces attacked the Pakistani Army base at Shamsheernagar Airport, forcing the occupation army to retreat towards Moulvibazar town.

The final victory in the district was won on December 8 after a fierce battle at Baratia in which 127 men of Indian allied forces were killed.

However, people of Moulvibazar are unhappy as construction of the martyred freedom fighters' memorial near Monu Bridge in the town is yet to be complete.

Moulvibazar liberation day observance committee has chalked out daylong programmes including placing wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar, discussion, rally and cultural function to mark the day.

Our Brahmanbaria Correspondent reports: People



A month-long Bijoy Mela where paintings of artist Shahabuddin are displayed will be inaugurated by Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni on Chandpur Hasan Ali High School ground today.

of Brahmanbaria will celebrate today as the district was liberated from the Pak army and their collaborators on this day in 1971.

On December 2 and 3, several groups of freedom fighters attacked the Pak army in Azampur, Mukandapur, Harashpur, Shingarbeel, Senarbad and Akhaura check post areas, said Awami League lawmaker advocate Lutful Hye Satchu, the then guerrilla adviser. With heavy casualties, the Pak troops retreated to Brahmanbaria and Ashuganj.

The Pak army aided by their collaborators killed a large number of people including a few intellectuals.

On December 6 night, the

freedom fighters and Indian allied forces launched attacks on the Pak army at Ashuganj from three sides. Defected Pak army fled to Bhairab on December 7.

On December 8 morning, late Johur Ahmed Chowdhury, chief of Eastern Civil Zone of Liberation War, hoisted the national flag of Bangladesh at Puratan Kachari in Brahmanbaria.

Seventeen mass graveyards in Brahmanbaria still bear testimony to the massacres committed by the Pak army and their collaborators.

Brahmanbaria district command of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad has

taken elaborate programmes to mark the day.

Our Patuakhali Correspondent reports: Heroic freedom fighters freed Patuakhali from Pakistan occupation forces on December 8 in 1971.

In the last week of November, new groups of freedom fighters entered Patuakhali and launched several attacks on the Pakistani troops.

The occupation forces faced a crushing defeat in the battle at Panpatti village in Galachipa on November 28.

Finally the Pak forces left the district on the night of December 7 and freedom fighters declared the area free the next day.

# People of Magura, Balaganj recall role of FF's, pay tribute to martyrs

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People of Magura and Balaganj in Sylhet paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the liberation war and celebrated the day of freedom yesterday recalling how the valiant freedom fighters freed their motherland from the clutch of the Pakistani occupation forces.

To mark the day, Magura district unit of Muktiyoddha Sangsad yesterday placed wreaths at the martyrs' memorial, and held a rally and a discussion meeting, reports our correspondent.

Speakers at the discussion meeting held at Segunbagicha in the town paid glowing tributes to 38 valiant sons of Magura who embraced martyrdom during the nine-month long war of liberation.

The 38 freedom fighters were martyred while fighting at Mohammadpur TDC camp, Aralia-Sreemantapur road, Sreepur police station camp, Mingram-mandartala road, Binodpur bazaar camp, khamarpara, Kadirpara, Nohata-Joyrampur road, Shaikpura police station and Kamanna under Jhenidah district.

The contributions of the organisers of liberation war were also recalled with due gratitude at the discussion meeting where local freedom fighters in their hundreds attended.

BSS from Sylhet adds: Balaganj was one of the most turbulent places where the Pakistani occupation forces faced stiff resistance from the freedom fighters during the nine-month war of liberation.

An unspecified number of innocent people of this area were ruthlessly killed by the

Pakistani soldiers, who also burnt into ashes scores of dwelling houses in 1971. Only 300 names could be known from among those who embraced martyrdom during the war.

Despite wanton killing, arson, destruction and looting carried out by the brutal Pakistani army, the Balaganj people by their courage and fortitude have finally won the war. They jumped out to the open with joy of breaking down the shackles of subjugation by hoisting first the flag of independence on December 7 in 1971.

Freedom fighter Azizul Kamal along with his fellow fighters hoisted first the flag amid jubilation and cheers of hundreds of locals.

Like every year, the people of Balaganj yesterday celebrated the occasion as the 'Balaganj liberation day' with due enthusiasm and heart-felt respect for those who made their supreme sacrifices the country's inde-

pendence and also for the valiant fighters of the area.

The ancestral home of the Commander-in-chief of Bangladesh Mukti Bahini General MAG Osmany was in Balaganj. During the war, the freedom fighters fought at several places with the Pakistani army including two fierce battles in the neighbouring Sherpur and Shadipur areas.

Following the Pakistani army's crackdown on March 26 in 1971, the freedom fighters gave a good lesson to the invaders at Shamsheer Nagar airport in Moulvibazar district. The Pakistani soldiers had to retreat to Sherpur.

In Sherpur, situated on the bank of Kushiara river, two platoons of the Pakistani army of the Punjab regiment made their base with machine guns, 3-inch mortars and Chinese rifles.

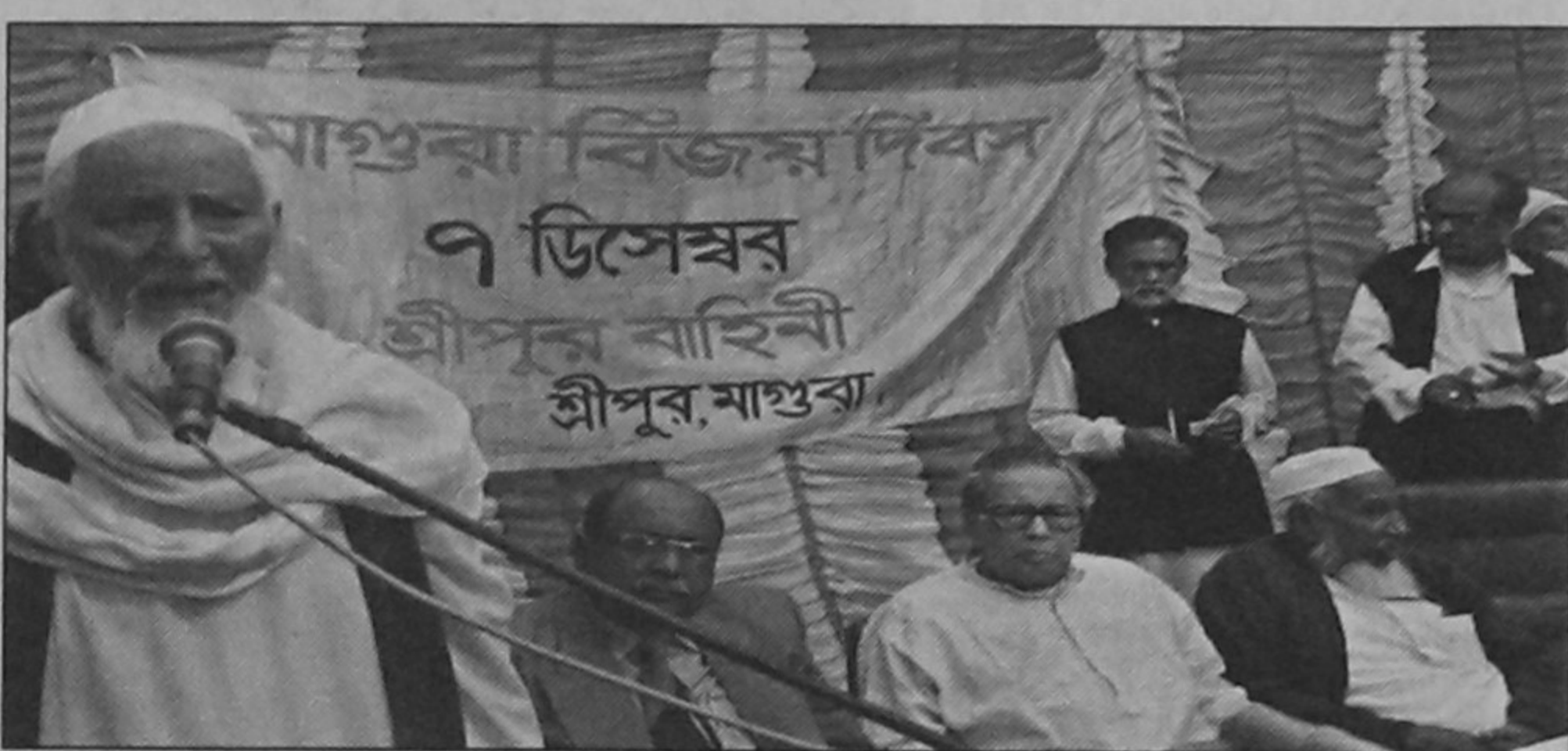
On the other side of the river, a large number of freedom fighters led by the Chief of

Staff of Bangladesh Mukti Bahini Col Mohammad Abdur Rob, Major CR Dutta and Commandant Manik Chowdhury took position against the Pakistani enemy.

Members of the then East Pakistan Rifles (EPR) from the nearby border outposts, mujahid, ansar and police together with those led by Dewan Farid Gazi, one of the organisers of the war of liberation on the country's north-east front, formed a highly formidable group of 450 freedom fighters to crush the occupation forces.

On April 5 1971, the freedom fighters with only 303 rifles cordoned the Pakistani hyenas and fought a seven-hour fierce battle to drive them out of their base.

The Pakistani soldiers finding no other way started fleeing their base and ultimately Sherpur came under the control of the freedom fighters.



Valiant freedom fighter Akbar Hossain Mian, chief of Sreepur Bahini that freed Magura from Pakistani occupation forces on December 7 in 1971, addresses a rally organised by district unit of Muktiyoddha command council at Segunbagicha in Magura town yesterday.

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## Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2	Agency	Directorate General of Family Planning.
3	Procuring entity name	Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management), Directorate General of Family Planning.
4	Procuring entity code	None.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of 0.2 million packets of Tablet Clotrimazole VT (200mg).
7	Invitation Ref No.	DGFP/L&S-3/2009-2010/6425/121
8	Date	01/12/2009.

### KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement method Open tendering method (OTM).

### FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and source of funds GoB Development Budget.

11 Development partner International Development Association (IDA) and other donors.

### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12 Project/programme code IDA Credit No. 4052-BD.  
13 Project/programme name Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program.  
14 Tender package No. Contract Package No. GFP-18/09.  
15 Tender package name Procurement of 0.2 million packets of Tablet Clotrimazole VT (200mg).

	Date	Time
16 Tender publication date		
17 Tender last selling date	05-01-2010	up to office hour
18 Tender closing date and time	06-01-2010	11:00am (DLST)
19 Tender opening date and time	06-01-2010	11:15am (DLST)

20 Name and address of the office(s)  
- Selling tender document Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management), Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Karwan Bazar (5th Floor), Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.  
- Receiving tender document As above.  
- Opening tender document As above.

21 Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting Pre-tender meeting will not be held.

### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22 Eligibility of tenderer The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in manufacture and supply of similar goods. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 2 (two) years experience in manufacturing and supplying of specific goods of the subject contract. The minimum annual production capacity shall be 3 (three) times of the total quantity of Tablet Clotrimazole VT (200 mg).  
23 Brief description of goods Procurement of zero point two million (0.2) of Tablet Clotrimazole VT (200 mg).  
24 Brief description of related services None.

25 Price of tender document 1000/- (one thousand) Taka only (non-refundable). Method of payment should be Pay-Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the procuring entity under serial No. 3.

Package No.	Identification of package	Location (final destination)	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks
26	Procurement of 0.2 million packets of Tablet Clotrimazole VT (200 mg)	Central Warehouse of Family Planning, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212	Taka 140,000 (one lac and forty thousand)	Within 10 (ten) weeks from the date of signing the contract

### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

30 Name of official inviting tender Md. Hossain Molla.  
31 Designation of official inviting tender Director (Logistics and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management).  
32 Address of official inviting tender Directorate General of Family Planning 6, Karwan Bazar (5th Floor) Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.  
33 Contact details of official inviting tender Telephone: 02-8144049 Fax: 880-2-8144049 Email: dirldsgfp@gmail.com  
34 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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## Kushtia Barta editor sued on libel charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An assistant editor of a weekly, also a contractor, has filed a defamation case against editor, publisher and chairman of the editorial board of a daily newspaper in Kushtia.

Nurul Islam Chand, assistant editor of weekly Kushtia Barta, filed the case against Gazi Mahub Rahman, editor and publisher of daily Ajker Alo, and Sufi Faruk, chairman of the editorial board of the daily.

Nurul Islam Chand, also vice-president of Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) Kushtia unit, filed the case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court here on Sunday.

In the case statement,

Chad alleged that the daily published three reports against him in its November 12, 13 and 25 issues. The reports were not based on facts and published only to tarnish his image, Chand said.

Chand further stated that he went to the newspaper office and requested Editor Gazi Mahub Rahman and Chairman of the Editorial Board Sufi Faruk to publish rejoinders on the news items. "They turned down my request and threatened to publish more reports against me," he alleged.

The court asked the authorities concerned to investigate the matter and submit report within December 25.



Kanchi Kanchar Mela and Chandpur Swimming Club jointly organise a children's painting contest at Arun Nandi Swimming Pool in Chandpur yesterday, marking the first death anniversary of the world's famous swimmer.

## America Week opens in Rajshahi today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A three-day 'America Week', featuring activities of the US embassy and US agencies in Bangladesh begins in Rajshahi today.

According to government officials, Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister GM Quader is likely to inaugurate the colourful programme that will continue until December 10 at Parjatan Motel.

On the inaugural day, US Ambassador to Bangladesh James F Moriarty will visit Martyrs' Memorial Archive at Rajshahi University and take part in a discussion with students on education in America and visa procedures, said RU sources.

Youths in Rajshahi showed

enthusiasm about the programme as many of them yesterday visited the Parjatan Motel.

Following a tradition of past America week, people could visit more than 40 booths run by the US embassy, USAID and its development partners and some US business houses.

In a press conference in November, Cultural Affairs Officer of the US embassy in Dhaka Catherine A Hallock said the embassy is going to hold the week in the month of victory of Bangladesh.

"There will be a blend of culture of Rajshahi including folk song Gambhira with the American programmes", she said.



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