

Another PCJSS man shot dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A supporter of Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sangahti Samity (PCJSS) was killed and another injured in a gun attack allegedly by the activists of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) at Modanpur village, about 10kms off Rajasthali upazila headquarters yesterday morning.

The incident took place within 24 hours of the murder of Suvas Chandra Chakma, 37, a former member of a reformist group of PCJSS.

Suvas was shot dead by gunmen at Moddhyam Pakuzzachhari in Baghaichhari upazila of the district Monday night.

In yesterday's attack Swapan Tangchangya, 35, son of Laxmi Chan Tangchangya, 34, son of Gorango Chakma was injured.

Quoting locals, Rajasthali police said a group of armed men, numbering 10 to 12, called Swapan and Rahul out of their houses when they were taking breakfast at about 6:00am.

The criminals sprayed bullets on them when they came out of their houses, leaving Swapan dead on the spot and Rahul wounded, they said.

Being informed, army and police personnel rushed to the spot and recovered the body of Swapan.

"We went to the spot and asked about

the incident. But nobody could identify the killers. We recovered the body and sent it to Sadar Hospital for autopsy," said Rezaul Haque, officer in-charge (OC) of Rajasthali police station.

Sajib Chakma, assistant publicity secretary, central committee of the PCJSS, however, blamed UPDF for the attack.

He strongly condemned the attack and demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers.

Michael Chakma, Rangamati district unit leader of Gonatantrik Jubo Forum, an associate body of the UPDF denied the allegation.

He said UPDF, being a democratic political party, doesn't believe in killing.

Mohiuddin still mayor on CCC website

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN AND DWAIPAYAN BARUA, from Cig

The Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) website still features ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury as the incumbent mayor with his signed message to the investors and business community.

Mohiuddin is contesting in today's CCC polls for the fourth consecutive time as the mayoral candidate of ruling Awami League-backed Nagorik Committee.

As per the Representation of the People Order, he resigned from the post of Mayor on May 20, just before filing nomination paper for today's election.

This is the first time Mohiuddin resigned from the post before polls. The city Awami league president contested for the mayor post twice -- in 2000 and 2005 -- without resigning as a mayor.

This time he had to step down as the EC decided to enforce the electoral laws strictly.

Ward councillor Zahirul Islam Dovash, also a contestant for Firingbazar ward-33, took charge as CCC acting mayor after Mohiuddin's resignation.

In these 27 days, the CCC authorities did not bring any change to the website (www.ccc.org.bd).

Zahirul Islam yesterday told The Daily Star that he was unaware of the website status as no one had drew his attention in this regard. "I am directing the officials concerned right now to bring necessary corrections in the website."

Meanwhile, Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, chief agent of BNP-backed candidate Mohammad Manjur Alam, alleged that Mohiuddin still uses CCC to confuse voters.

ALL SET FOR CHITAGONG POLLS



PHOTO: STAR
Election materials, including transparent ballot boxes, being taken to a polling center, middle, army personnel get onto a vehicle from their camp at MA Aziz Stadium for routine patrol, bottom, some presiding officers, holding the Election Commission's letters, look for the law enforcers who will remain on duty at their respective polling centers during today's Chittagong City Corporation election.

TALE OF KUSHTIA HARIJAN COMMUNITY

Struggle on to come into light

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

Schooling among children from backward Harijan community in the district sees gradual rise, thanks to initiative by a few non-governmental organisations and growing awareness of the guardians.

Around 250 Harijan children are now studying at different schools and colleges in the district, which was unthinkable only a few years ago. They are also doing good results.

A survey in 2003 conducted by Friends Association for Integrated Regulation (FAIR), a local NGO working with the Harijan community, found that only around 20-25 Harijan children in the district were school goers and most of them dropped out between classes I to VIII.

Enrolment of Harijan children in educational institutions has so far been very thin as the people of Harijan community are traditionally considered 'untouchable', and practically denied equal rights in different sectors including study at schools with other children despite provision for equal rights for all according to the country's constitution.

"The main cause of drop-outs among Harijan children is that they are generally not treated equally with other children at the schools," said Dewan Aktharuzzaman, director of the FAIR.

FAIR took initiative to make at least 3,000 Harijans conscious about education which is their constitutional right. Two national NGO Human Development



PHOTO: STAR
Wards of the Harijan people at a classroom of a school in Kushtia as schooling among the children of the backward community sees a steady rise.

Foundation and Manusher Jonno Foundation extended financial support to FAIR.

After study on the life and culture of the community, the NGO set up three pre-school centres to prepare their children for education and create awareness among the elders. They also formed 'Advocacy Group' with civil society people. This Advocacy Group visited different schools and colleges in the district and officials of district administration and launched a strong campaign so that the Harijan children are not denied access to schools and colleges.

"We faced much difficulties when we tried to make teachers and others understand that education is constitutional right of all Bangladeshi citizens," said advocate Badruddoza Gama, a

former lawmaker in Kushtia, also a member of Advocacy Group.

"People of my community are more aware now. They understand that education can bring change into their life," said Panna Lal Bashflore, the lone graduate from Harijan community in Kushtia district.

Panna is now studying LLB under the National University. Now at least 150 children are studying at different primary schools, 40 at high schools, one has passed SSC this year while five students will appear at the HSC next year from different colleges in the district.

FAIR sources said more 100 children are preparing at its six pre-school centres set up at four different Harijan's colonies -- four in Kushtia town and one each in Kumarkhali and Bheramarata upazilas.

The Harijan children are doing good result in different classes and FAIR is regularly monitoring the matter, said sources at different educational institutions.

With the help of national NGO Manusher Jonno Foundation FAIR organised a national convention in the district last year where leaders of Harijan community from across the country took part.

"Our aim is to increase awareness among the Harijan community. We hope that at least 40 Harijan children will pass SSC within four to five years and it will help to make a good change in the community," said FAIR Director Dewan Aktharuzzaman.

3 govt docs sued for violating poll code

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cig

Three government physicians were sued yesterday on charge of seeking vote for Awami League (AL)-backed Nagorik Committee mayoral candidate ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury at a view exchange meeting.

Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) Farhad Hossain filed the case with the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM). Magistrate Mahbubur Rahman on behalf of the CMM asked police to submit report after investigation within 24 hours.

In the case, the ARO alleged that Chittagong Medical College (CMC) Assistant Professors Mujibul Haque Khan and Nasir Uddin Mahmud, and Chittagong Family Planning Office Assistant Director Dr Mohammad Sharif sought vote for Mohiuddin at a view exchange meeting at Shah Alam Bir Uttam auditorium at CMC on June 10.

Being government physicians, they violated the electoral code of conduct by seeking vote in the meeting, the plaintiff mentioned in the case.

Earlier, on June 13, Returning Officer (RO) of Chittagong City Corporation election Jesmin Tuli sent a letter to the Election Commission to take action against the physicians.

Roadblock to protest load shedding during WC tie

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Chandpur-Comilla Road was blocked at several points by locals in three upazilas yesterday morning protesting load shedding Tuesday night's Brazil-North Korea match of the World Cup (WC).

Several thousand passengers on various vehicles from different parts of the country including Dhaka, Chittagong, Comilla and Sylhet remained stranded for a few hours.

The protesters barricaded the road at Baklia in Hajiganj upazila, Doabhangra in Shahrasti upazila and Jagatpur in Kachua upazila.

Later Rab personnel rushed to the spot and dispersed the agitators.



PHOTO: STAR
Residents of a submerged house at Bakulia in Chittagong cross a bamboo-made bridge, linking the main road. The district has been experiencing downpour for the last few days.

Lightning kills 5, injures 16

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Five people were killed and 16 others injured by lightning in four districts yesterday.

A man and his wife were killed as lightning struck them at village Shorabaria in Athoria upazila under Pabna district early yesterday.

The victims are Md Mohidul Islam, 30, of village Hapania and his wife Eti Khatun, 25.

Sources said, Mohidul came to his father-in-law's house at village Shorabaria on Tuesday.

The lightning struck their room at about 6:00 am killing the couple in their sleep, reports our correspondent.

In Thakurgaon, one person was killed and 12 others were injured by lightning at Chopradangi and Khutamarra villages under Debiganj upazila in Panchagarh

yesterday afternoon, reports our correspondent.

The dead was identified as Abdul Malek, 32, son of Abdus Sobhan of Chopradangi village under Debiganj upazila in Panchagarh.

Locals said, the thunderbolt struck one Abdul Malek's house while he was in the room. He died on the spot.

In a separate incident, 12 students of Mirza Golam Hafiz High School of Khutamarra village in Debiduba union under Debiganj upazila were injured when a thunderbolt struck the roof of their classroom.

In Kurigram, lightning killed one person and injured another in two separate incidents.

Police, hospital and local sources said Hazrat Ali, 35, of Shaphkawa village of Rayganj union under Nageswari upazila was killed by lightning at about 9:45 am

when he went out to catch fish amid rain.

Lightning hit Marjina Begum, 40, wife of Nazrul Islam of Shatibari village in Sadar upazila injuring her seriously. She was admitted to Kurigram Sadar Hospital, reports our correspondent.

In Sirajganj, one person was killed and three others were injured in separate incidents of lightning at two villages under Chouhali upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Samia Begum, 35, wife of Alek of Shailajana village, reports a correspondent.

Another thunderbolt hit a house at Amarpur village of the same upazila leaving three housewives seriously injured.

The injured were identified as Marium Khatun, 55, wife of Khorshed Mistree, Amena, 20, wife of Sanowar Hossain and Sakina, 30, wife of Salam of Amarpur village.

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Energis Power Corporation Ltd, is a leading HFO-based 55MW Power Plant at Shikolbaha, Chittagong. Energis is looking for really deserving candidates for the following posts. Candidates having requisite qualifications and experience are requested to apply with photocopies of relevant documents including a passport size photograph on or before June 25, 2010 addressed to GM, Energis Power Corporation Ltd., Mascot Plaza, 10th floor, Plot 107/A, Sonargaon Janapath, Sector-7, Uttara, Dhaka-1230. Please mention name of the post on Top of the envelope.

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 Including benefits total compensation package will be in the range of BDT 70,000 - 85,000 monthly based on qualification and past performance.

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