

AL, BCL men lead protests, attacks on power offices

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Power hungry people attacked and vandalised power offices in several districts yesterday and the day before, protesting frequent outages.

They also blocked road and formed human chain demanding smooth supply of electricity.

Chhatra League (BCL) activists vandalised Atwary upazila Rural Electrification Board (REB) office in Panchagarh on Wednesday night protesting long and frequent outages, reports our Thakurgaon correspondent.

During the incident the REB officials fled their office and took shelter at Panchagarh regional REB office.

Locals and REB office sources said, a group of Atwary BCL activists led by BCL upazila leaders Mokhlesur, Taher and Delwar swooped on the local power office at about 10:30pm and started damaging furniture, doors and windows.

As they blamed the office for failure and neglect, the officials and staff fled the office to save themselves.

Contacted, Deputy General Manager of Panchagarh regional REFB office Razzakur Rahman told this correspondent that they submitted prayer to Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police demanding their security.

Replying to a query he said we get only 8/12 MW electricity supply from the national grid against the demand for 30/35 MW.

In Kishoreganj, agitated people of Austagram ransacked the REB office of Sadar upazila while the power hungry people of Karimganj formed a human chain demanding smooth supply of electricity, reports our correspondent.

People of Austagram yesterday brought out a procession in the Sadar upazila. It was led by Sahidul Islam Gema, general secretary of upazila AL, Samsul Huq Haidary Bachhu, vice president of upazila AL, and Muztaba Arif Khan, principal of Austagram Rotary Degree College.

At one stage, the agitated people swooped on upazila power office and ransacked it.

In Karimganj Biddut Sangram Committee formed an hour-long human chain at the upazila parishad road yesterday noon. It was led by Rafiqur Rahman, president of Karimganj upazila BNP and AL leader Kamrul Islam Chowdhury Mamun.

The protesters alleged that they do not get power supply even for 2-3 hours a day.

Earlier, on Wednesday the people of Karimganj observed a half-day hartal in the upazila demanding power. All shops and offices were shut while the vehicular movement came to a halt during the hartal.

In Khulna, locals outraged over frequent load-shedding on Wednesday blocked a road and besieged a REB complaint center in Rupsha upazila.

Demanding uninterrupted power supply, they surrounded REB's Kajdia complaint centre and blocked the Rupsha-Kajdia road for an hour from 10am.

Police resisted the angry people when they tried to ransack the centre.

Stalkers injure teacher, three students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Three students and a teacher of Bichhat Model High School in Assassuni upazila were injured in an attack by stalkers at Goral Ferry Ghat yesterday.

The injured are class ten students Ferdous Hossain, Selim and Joyantu Kumar, and English teacher Khagendra Nath Sarkar, 50. They are undergoing treatment at Assassuni Upazila Health Complex.

Police quoted local people as saying that a gang of stalkers led by Ashraf, Manirul and Gaffar of Goral village attacked a meeting jointly called by the locals and the authorities of Bichhat Model High School at Goral ghat to take steps against the gang members who have been staking girl students of the school for the last two months.

Contacted, the school authorities said they are taking preparation to file a case against the stalkers, but no case was filed with the police station concerned as of filing of this report at 5:00pm.

Meanwhile, the authorities of Palashpole High School under Satkhira Sadar Police Station Wednesday expelled a class nine student of the school on charge of stalking the girl students.

The authorities also filed a case against the stalker with Sadar Police Station as he allegedly beat up a student of the school for protesting his evil acts.

Sylhet bank official gets 9 years' RI

Still 'missing' with Tk 66 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A court here yesterday sentenced a female bank official to 9 years' rigorous imprisonment for misappropriating Tk 66.1 lakh bank money.

The court also acquitted the then manager of the branch Md. Rahat Ahmed and the bank's executive officer Zahidul Alam of charges.

Convict Meher Akhtar Arzu, then senior executive officer at the Sylhet branch of Jamuna Bank went into hiding immediately after the incident was revealed. She was later dismissed by the bank authorities.

The prosecution of the

case in brief is that Tk 66,10,000 was withdrawn illegally through 26 cheques of 7 savings accounts in the bank during the period from 2 July to 16 July 2006.

Deputy Director of ACC, Sylhet regional office Md Nasir Uddin filed a case with the Sylhet Kotwali police station against three bank officials including the manager.

On investigation, ACC assistant director Kumar Majumder submitted charge sheet against the accused.

Divisional Special Judge of Sylhet Md Golam Hossain framed charges against the accused and recorded deposition of 19 prosecution wit-

nesses out of 22 during the trial of the case.

The judge sentenced the female official to 5 years RI and fined her Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer 6 months simple imprisonment under Section 409 of BPC.

In addition, he awarded her 2 years RI and fined Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer 3 months simple imprisonment under Section 467.

In another count, the judge sentenced her to 2 years RI and fined her Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer 3 months simple imprisonment under Section 468.

However, all the sentences would run concurrently, the court observed.

CASES FOR GRENADE ATTACK ON AL RALLY

Deposition of 15 PWs recorded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet divisional speedy trial tribunal yesterday recorded the deposition of 15 more prosecution witnesses (PWs) in the cases filed after the grenade attack on a rally of the AL leader Suranjit Sengupta in Sunamganj six years ago.

The incident left one AL activist killed while over 30 others sustained injuries. The witnesses submitted their deposition for the fourth day yesterday.

The deposition of 15 PWs was recorded in presence of the outlawed Huji chief Mufti

Abdul Hannan and others accused.

The same court on 30 June this year framed charges against the accused and started recording the deposition on 13 July, special public prosecutor Kishore Kumar Kar told this correspondent.

Yesterday's prosecution witnesses included former class-I magistrate Hazera Khatun, who recorded the confessional statement of accused Mufti Mainuddin. With this, the court recorded deposition of 24 prosecution witnesses out of 63 in the cases.

Tribunal judge Md.

Mahbub Ul Islam then fixed 24 August for recording the deposition of other prosecution witnesses.

AL activist Abul Wahid, 45, was killed while about 30 others sustained injuries as a bomb was thrown at the dais moments after the public meeting held at Derai upazila headquarters in Sunamganj on 21 June of 2004.

However, AL stalwart Suranjit Sengupta MP and other leaders escaped unhurt as they got down from the dais just before the attack.

The investigation officer in the case was changed 6 times as there were no clue to the blast.

At last, CID Inspector Shafiqur Rahman on 14 December 2008 filed charge sheet in the 2 cases with the judicial magistrate court in Sunamganj against the Huji's Mufti Abdul Hannan and 6 others for the attack.

One of the cases was lodged under explosive substances act and the other for killing, court sources said.

The other accused are Mufti Abdul Hannan's younger brother Mofizul Islam alias Mohibullah, Shariful Alam Bipul, Delwar Hossain Ripon, Hafiz Nayeem Ahmed, Mufti Main Uddin and Nazirur Rahman Nazu.

Khulna Shibir leader placed on remand

UNB, Khulna

District (north) unit general secretary of Islami Chhatra Shibir Mohammad Abdur Rahim was placed on a two-day remand on Wednesday in a case filed for obstructing government activities.

Sub-Inspector Monirul Islam, who is investigating the case, produced him before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court and sought a seven-day remand in connection with the case.

However, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Barekuzzaman granted a two-day remand.

With Rahim, so far 28 Shibir activists are being quizzed taking them on remand in the same case.

Court sources said police arrested Abdur Rahim along with some Shibir leaders and workers from Khanpara jam-e-mosque in Dighalia upazila while they were holding a discussion after Fazr prayers on Sunday.



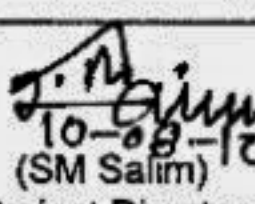
Although the law enforcers have launched a drive to keep sidewalks in Bogra town free to reduce traffic jam, vendors and litter sellers put up makeshift shops thereupon. Photo shows a makeshift litter shop on the footpath near UCB Bank in Borogola area of the town.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 Union Parishad Connecting Roads Improvement Project:
 Patuakhali and Barguna District (Phase-II) LGED H/Q (Level-9),
 Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

Memo No. LGED/PD/UCRIP/Lohalia Bridge/Loha/Free/s-01/2010/1069 Dated: 10-08-2010.

Re-Invitation for Pre-qualification

1. Ministry/Division	Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives / Local Government Division		
2. Agency	Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)		
3. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director Union Parishad Connecting Roads Improvement Project: Patuakhali and Barguna District (Phase-II), LGED H/Q (Level-9), Agargaon, Dhaka		
4. Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present		
5. Procuring Entity District	Mymensingh		
6. Invitation for	Pre-qualification of Tenderers for Construction of 464.7500 m long PC Girder Bridge over Lohalia River on Galachipa-Kalagachiya, Lohalia road at Ch.15812 m under Patuakhali Sadar & Bauphal Upazila District Patuakhali (Including Approach Road) (Package No Loha-05/2010). LGED/PD/UCRIP/Lohalia Bridge/Loha/Free/s-01/2010/1069		
7. Invitation Ref No	10/8-2010		
8. Date			
KEY INFORMATION			
9. Procurement Method	National Competitive Bid (NCB)		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10. Budget and Source of Funds	(GoB)		
11. Development Partners (if applicable)	Not Applicable		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12. Project Code (if applicable)	Not used at present		
13. Project Name	"Construction of 464.7500 m long PC Girder Bridge over Lohalia River on Galachipa-Kalagachiya, Lohalia road at Ch.15812 m under Patuakhali Sadar & Bauphal Upazila District Patuakhali (Including Approach Road)"		
14. Tender Package No.	Package No-05		
15. Tender Package Name	Pre-qualification of Tenderers for Construction of 464.7500 m long PC Girder Bridge over Lohalia River on Galachipa-Kalagachiya, Lohalia road at Ch.15812 m under Patuakhali Sadar & Bauphal Upazila District Patuakhali (Including Approach Road)		
16. IFP Publication Date	12-8-2010		
17. Pre-qualification Document Last Selling Date	05-9-2010	During office hour	
18. Application Submission Closing Date and Time	06-9-2010	2.00 PM	
19. Application Opening Date and Time	06-9-2010	3.00 PM	
20. Name & Address of the office(s) - Selling Pre-qualification Document	Address (a) Office of the Superintending Engineer, LGED, Barisal Region, Barisal (b) Office of the Project Director Union Parishad Connecting Roads Improvement Project: Patuakhali and Barguna District (Phase-II), LGED H/Q (Level-9), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 (c) Office of the Executive Engineer LGED, Patuakhali.		
- Receiving Pre-qualification Document	Office of the Project Director Union Parishad Connecting Roads Improvement Project: Patuakhali and Barguna District (Phase-II), LGED H/Q (Level-9), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207		
- Opening Pre-qualification Document	Office of the Project Director Union Parishad Connecting Roads Improvement Project: Patuakhali and Barguna District (Phase-II), LGED H/Q (Level-9), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207		
21. Place / Date / Time of pre-Pre-qualification Meeting (Optional)	Place	Date	Time
	Office of the Project Director Union Parishad Connecting Roads Improvement Project: Patuakhali and Barguna District (Phase-II), LGED H/Q (Level-9), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207	26-08-2010	11.00 AM
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
23. Eligibility of Applicant	(a) Valid Trade License, Tax Identification Number (TIN) with up-to date income tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate with up-to date VAT clearance certificate etc.; (b) The minimum period of general experience of the applicant in the construction works shall be 5 (five) years; (c) The required number of similar contract constructed shall be 2(two) over a period of last 10(ten) years and must have experience of constructing at least 1(one) 250m long PC girder bridge over river in a single contract and costing not below 20.00 (Twenty) crore ; (d) The required average annual turnover of last 5 (five) years shall be minimum Tk. 15.00 crore.		
24. Brief Description of Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximate length of the bridge: 464.75m (13 span); Two lane bridge with both side footpath; Large diameter deep bored piles in foundation; Construction of 0.54 km approach road with slope protection 		
25. Brief Description of Physical Services	None		
26. Price of Pre-qualification Document	5000/- (Five thousand taka only)		
EMPLOYER DETAILS			
27. Name of Official Inviting Application	Project Director Union Parishad Connecting Roads Improvement Project: Patuakhali and Barguna District (Phase-II), LGED H/Q (Level-9), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207		
28. Designation of Official Inviting Application	Project Director		
29. Address of Official Inviting Application	Office of the Project Director Union Parishad Connecting Roads Improvement Project: Patuakhali and Barguna District (Phase-II), LGED H/Q (Level-9), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207		
30. Contact details of Official Inviting Application	Tel No. 02-9122151	Fax No. 02-9122171	e-mail: salimged@hotmail.com
31. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject	all the Applications or annul the Application proceedings		


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Charge framing in graft case against Ilyas Ali deferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet divisional special judge Md. Golam Hossain on Tuesday deferred the charge framing against former lawmaker and district BNP chief M Ilyas Ali and his wife Tahsina Rushti in the ACC case filed during the caretaker rule.

The judge also fixed the next date on 25 October.

Contacted, special public prosecutor Shah Moshahid Ali said the couple told the court that Tahsina had been granted interim bail from the High Court till 10 January of 2011.

The judge also extended the interim bail of Ilyas till 25 October this year, as his counsel prayed for time and told the court that his clients had appeared before the High Court for bail extension.

Accordingly, the judge reset the date for charge framing, the PP added.

Earlier, the District and Sessions Judge of Sylhet Md. Momin Ullah on 23 March this year granted ad interim bail to Ilyas Ali and his wife Tahsina Rushti in the case.

The same court on 22 March issued warrant of arrest against the couple as they remained absent that day.

The ACC on 6 May of 2009 filed charge sheet in the case against the couple. The Chief Judicial Magistrate of Sylhet

sent the case records to the District and Sessions Judge on 4 March this year, court sources informed.

The then ACC assistant director in Sylhet, Khandaker Enamul Basir filed the case on 21 July of 2008 with Sylhet Kotwali police station against the couple for accumulating wealth worth Tk 91 lakh beyond their known sources of income and hiding information.

The anti-graft watchdog issued a notice on Ilyas on January 28 that year asking him to submit his wealth statement to the commission. Accordingly, Ilyas submitted his wealth report to the ACC Sylhet office through his lawyer on February 14.

Ilyas remained absconding since January 2007 till mid July that year while his name was on the list of 50 corruption suspects published by the ACC.

In his statement, Ilyas showed his wealth worth Tk 3.99 crore. The property includes two vehicles worth Tk 1.5 crore, a house at Banani in Dhaka, money in cash and landed property at village and in the capital in his and his wife's names.

After investigation, the ACC found that Ilyas and his wife had concealed information of their 'illegally amassed' wealth worth Tk 91 lakh in the statement submitted to the commission.

SNIPPETS

Top outlaw arrested

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Police early yesterday arrested an 'area commander' of outlawed Purbha Bangla Communist Party (PBCP-ML) from Kumarkhali area under Mongla pourasava of the district. They also recovered a shutter gun and five bullets from his possessions. The arrestee was identified as Bulbul Islam Rana, 32, son of Sheikh Abdul Halim of Kumarkhali area. Acting on a tip off, a team of police raided Rana's residence in Kumarkhali at around 1:30am and arrested him from his house as he came to meet his family members at night.

4 missing as boat sinks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Three children and a woman went missing when a shallow engine driven boat capsized in the Jamuna River at Char Mohanpur in the remote area of Sonatola upazila of Bogra yesterday. The missing are Zohra Begum, 28, children Jesmine, 3, one-year-old Tuni, and Rashed, 2. Sonatola OC Zia Rafiqul said, the divers of the fire service are searching for the missing people at the spot. The passengers of the boat who survived the accident told police that, the shallow engine run boat carrying 30 to 40 passengers from a char in Tekaini Chukainagar area was coming to Sonatola.

Charmer dies from snake bite

UNB, Natore

A snake charmer, who used to rear snakes at his house at Dhupail Shob village in Lalpur upazila, died from snake bite on Wednesday. Locals said Abdur Rahim, 26, known as Sarparaj, and son of Sentu Mia, reared snakes in his house in the last three years. Earlier, his snakes bit him several times, but he did not fall ill. But on the fateful day, he fell seriously sick when a poisonous cobra bit him at 8am. He was admitted to a local clinic and later shifted to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital (RMCH), but he died near the hospital gate at 2pm on the day.

Students block highway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Students of Panchagarh Technical and Business Management College barricaded Panchagarh-Dhaka highway in front of BISIC in Panchagarh town on yesterday for two hours as their fellow was beaten up by transport workers. Police and locals said a group of students were coming from Boda by a passenger bus in the morning. The bus conductor engaged in a quarrel with the students as they were giving half bus fair. When the bus reached the bus terminal some transport workers severely beat up a student of the college leaving him injured. As the news spread other students they came out from the campus and barricaded the highway.