

UPAZILA CHAIRMAN MURDER IN NATORE

PM vows to punish killers

Police chief says culprits already identified from video footage; case filed against local AL men; victim's family says killers roaming freely; BNP announces 2-day agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the killers of upazila chairman Sanaullah Noor Babu in Natore will be brought to justice, no matter who they are.

She was addressing the Awami League Central Working Committee meeting at her political office in Dhanmondi.

Briefing journalists afterwards, AL General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam said the persons involved in the killing will be identified through video footage and brought to trial.

Meanwhile, BNP yesterday announced a two-day programme to protest the killing. It will stage demonstrations in the divisional and

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Wife and daughter of Boraigram upazila chairman and BNP leader Sanaullah Noor Babu break down in tears, as his body is taken for Namaj-e-Janaza yesterday. He, inset, was killed on Friday allegedly by local Awami League activists.

PHOTO: STAR

Govt, AL hurt by errant leaders

Party policymakers urge PM to go for damage-control

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The Awami League Central Working Committee (ALWC) yesterday observed that rowdy activities by a section of AL men across the country have harmed the reputation of both the party and government.

Addressing the meeting at AL President Sheikh Hasina's political office in Dhanmondi, members of the ALWC, the highest policy making body of the party, recommended the premier immediately go for damage-control.

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Target borderland disputes

Hopes high as Dhaka, Delhi sit next month; disputed enclaves, lands may be exchanged as per 1974 treaty

REZAUL KARIM

Bangladesh and India are going to hold bilateral talks in a bid to permanently resolve all border related issues in New Delhi on November 10-11.

A highly placed source says the Awami League government is determined to resolve the decades-old disputes involving 3,000 acres of Bangladesh land inside India, 51 enclaves and 6.5 kilometres of un-demarcated border.

Similarly, India has around 3,500 acres of land and 111 enclaves adversely possessed inside Bangladesh.

Since assuming power the AL-led government has been persuading India to address these issues once and for all. Delhi has finally agreed to hold a meeting of the Joint Boundary Working Group (JBWG) of both the countries.

The last meeting of this group was held four years ago.

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BORDER FACTS	
Total border	4,156km
Un-demarcated	6.5km
Indian lands in BD	3,500acres
BD lands in India	3,000acres
Indian enclaves in BD	111
BD enclaves in India	51
No boundary pillars	35.5km

CEC worried

Says such violence not conducive to local govt polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) is worried about the violence erupting in various parts of the country including the latest one at Natore ahead of the polls to local government bodies, the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) said yesterday.

The EC plans to hold polls to municipalities and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) in December and union parishad elections across the country from next January.

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3 killed at ship breaking yard

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three workers of a ship-breaking yard were crushed to death and another injured when a heavy iron plate fell on them at Madambibir Hat under Sitakunda upazila in the district yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Abul Kalam, 20, of Noakhali; Mohammad Faruk, 30, of Bhatiari area under Sitakunda upazila and Abul Bashar, 35, of Bogra. The injured could not be immediately identified.

With this, at least 34 workers were killed and several others injured in the last 18 months in 16 accidents in 16 shipyards, mostly due to explosions and coming in contact with toxic materials in ships.

A heavy iron plate suddenly fell on the three workers leaving

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WB pledges \$300m more for Padma Bridge

UNB, Dhaka

World Bank (WB) President Robert B Zoellick has assured additional funding of \$300 million for the construction of the proposed Padma Multipurpose Bridge.

Zoellick gave the assurance when Bangladesh Finance Minister AMA Muhith met him at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington on Thursday, said a release of the Bangladesh Mission in Washington.

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