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People in Modhukhali upazila of Faridpur district block highway in Railgate area of the upazila yesterday demanding immediate arrest of Rony Saha, who killed Chanpa Rani Bhowmik by ramming her with his motorbike following the woman's protest against stalking her two daughters by the criminal on Tuesday. (Story on Page 1)

## Magura BNP feud spreads to local Jubo Dal unit

2 groups hold separate programmes on founding day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Internal conflict of Magura district unit BNP has now spread to front organisations as rival factions of Magura district unit Jubo Dal yesterday held processions and meetings separately to celebrate its 32nd founding anniversary.

Since July last year, Magura district BNP has remained divided into two factions -- one led by the unit's existing president Kabir Murad and general secretary Ali Ahmed Biswas and the other by president of the 'rebel group' advocate Mokaddes Hossain and general secretary Iqbal Akter Khan.

Backed by the first faction, Jubo Dal group led by the district unit Jubo Dal leaders Abu Sayeed-al-Mamun and Washikur Rahman Kallol brought out a procession from the BNP office on Shahid Mintu Road. Later, they held a discussion at its office premises where Washikur Rahman presided and Kabir Murad was the chief guest.

Ali Ahmed Biswas, Mihir Kanti Biswas, Ashraf Islam, Amirul Islam and Abu Sayeed-al-Mamun addressed the discussion, among others. The other faction held its discussion at Chourongi Square in the town where

Iqbal Akter Khan addressed as the chief guest. Faruk Ahmed Babul, Kutubuddin Ahmed, and Ashrafuzzaman Shamim addressed the meeting, among others. District Jubo Dal president Alamgir Hossain presided over the function.

Internal feud of Magura district unit of BNP that started in July last year over formation of committees at different levels has recently spread even to upazila and union levels, party insiders said.

On November 18 last year, the two rival factions -- one led by Kabir Murad and Ali Ahmed Biswas and the other by advocate Mokaddes Hossain and Iqbal Akter Khan held separate councils and formed two committees of the party's district unit. BNP central committee approved Kabir Murad's committee.

The internal feud continued as the 'rebel faction' formed separate committee with advocate Mokaddes Hossain as president and Iqbal Akter Khan as general secretary.

From then on, the two factions held programmes separately.

They also engaged in clashes, killing joint convener of Magura district unit Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Mahbubur Rahman.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

### Two held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Law enforcers in separate drives arrested two criminals with firearms on Tuesday night. The arrestees are Shaheen Mondol, 32, son of Ratan Kumar Mondol of Dudrajpur village under Kaliganj upazila, and Mobarak Ali, 36, son of Haran Sheikh of Dalilpur village under Shaikupa upazila. Rab members arrested Shaheen in Kaliganj upazila at around 10:00pm and recovered a revolver from his possession. Shaikupa police arrested Mobarak, raiding his house at around 11:00pm. They also recovered a pipe gun and two bullets from the house.

### Sec 144 in Tanore

RU Correspondent

Tanore upazila administration yesterday imposed Section 144 in the upazila headquarters as two factions of Jubo Dal arranged party's founding anniversary programmes at the same place same time. Shamsul Islam, a member of Rajshahi district Jubo Dal convening committee and Tanore upazila Jubo Dal President Ashraf Ali alias Akash arranged a programme on the premises of dak bungalow at 10:00am yesterday. Another faction of the organisation led by upazila Jubo Dal leader Mizanur Rahman convened a meeting at the same venue and time. Apprehending clash between the two groups, local administration imposed Section 144, banning rallies and processions in the upazila headquarters from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Contacted, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mehedi Hasan Shahid said he imposed restrictions on holding rallies and procession as two local Jubo Dal factions failed to settle their dispute over holding programmes on the occasion of the party's founding anniversary. Officer-in-charge of Tanore Police Station Azizul Haque said law enforcers have been deployed at different points of the upazila town to avert any untoward incident.

# 20 acres of railway land grabbed in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

About 20 acres of railway land in different areas of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila have been illegally occupied during the last two months, allegedly by local influential people.

Ten structures have already been constructed on the grabbed lands around the now abandoned Lalmonirhat-Mogholhat tracks and at least 20 more are currently under construction at different points near Futani Market, Durarkuti, Fulgachh and Mogholhat.

Some of the land grabbers

separated plots by bamboo fencing and they are now selling the land to local traders for cash.

"A local man grabbed four decimals of railway land near the abandoned tracks nearly two months ago. I wanted to take possession of the land from him but could not as he demanded Tk 1 lakh for it," said Masum Miah, a local stock businessman at Futani Market.

Ashraf Hossain, a fertiliser trader at Futani Market area, said he purchased possession of two decimals of railway land from one Mohobbot Ali at Futani Market area for Tk 30 thousand

two weeks ago.

However Mohobbot Ali, hailing from Khochabari in Lalmonirhat said that there is no document that he sold any railway land.

"Many people grabbed land of Lalmonirhat-Mogholhat railway track. I took only two decimal lands at Fulgachh gate area for constructing a grocery shop. I will vacate this land if railway authority tells me to," said railway land grabber Jahangir Alam of Fulgachh village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

People of Mogholhat alleged that local politically involved musclemen are

grabbing railway land. They also alleged that some dishonest railway officials were involved in the scam.

Lalmonirhat Railway Divisional Estate Officer Abu Sayeed denied the allegations against railway officials and said his office did not issue any lease order for the land of abandoned Lalmonirhat-Mogholhat railway track.

However he said that he heard about the illegal structures being constructed.

"My office has been preparing a list of railway land grabbers. I will take legal action against them as soon as possible," Sayeed said.

## Outlaw held with gun, bombs in Meherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushlia

Police arrested a regional leader of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP- Janajuddho) at Hemayetpur village under Gangni upazila of Meherpur district on Tuesday night and recovered firearms and bombs from his possession.

The outlaw was identified as Hafizur Rahman alias Hafiz alias Raju, 40.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the village at midnight and arrested him.

On his confessional statement, police later raided Hatubhanga village in Alamdanga upazila of Chuadanga district and recovered one shutter gun, two cartridges and three bombs from a place at the village.

Police said Hafizur was an accused in 12 cases, including three for murder, filed with different police stations in Meherpur and Chuadanga districts.

He was yesterday produced in Chuadanga Chief Judicial Magistrate's court that sent him to jail.

## Boat race in Rupsha

UNB, Khulna

The fifth boat race will be held in the Rupsha River on Saturday.

Nagar Samajik and Sangskritik Kendra and Bangalink will jointly organise the race.

Khulna City Corporation Mayor Talukder Abdul Khalek said this at a press briefing at Khulna Circuit House yesterday.

Some 10 teams from Khulna, Gopalganj, Narail, Satkhira and Magura districts will participate in the race, he said.

## MURDER OF COLLEGE TEACHER MIZANUR Wave of protest continues, fellows cry for justice

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Teachers accompanied by people from all walks of life brought out processions in Rajshahi and Natore yesterday demanding exemplary punishment to the criminals who killed Mizanur for protesting their stalking female students.

Teachers and staff of different educational institutions brought out a procession in Rajshahi city demanding punishment to the killers of Mizanur, reports our Rajshahi University correspondent.

After marching different roads of the city, they held a rally at Saheb Bazar Zero Point.

Termining Mizanur as a great example of bravery, speakers at the rally called upon the government to take immediate action against the killers.

They urged appointing Mizanur's wife as teacher at any college as she has required qualification for the position.

They also called upon the government to declare October 12 as 'Eve-teasing Prevention Day' as Mizanur was attacked on that day by the delinquents for protesting their stalking.

Raich Uddin, president of Bangladesh College Teachers Association Rajshahi district unit, Shafiqur Rahman Badshah, president of the association's Rajshahi city unit and its

general secretary Aminur addressed the meeting, among others.

Stalkers critically injured Mizanur Rashid, a lecturer of chemistry at Lokmanpur College in Bagatipara upazila of Natore district, on October 12 as he had protested their teasing of female students. He died on Sunday at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital. He was laid to rest at his family graveyard at Chawk Laxmipur village in Charghat upazila of Rajshahi district on Monday.

Our Natore Correspondent adds: Bangladesh College Teachers Association's Natore unit, Mohila Parishad and Bangladesh Shiksha Potisthan Kormachari Federation jointly organised a silent procession and formed a human chain at Kanaikhali old bus stand in the town yesterday demanding immediate arrest and trial of the killers of college teacher Mizanur Rashid.

After the procession convener of college teachers association in Natore Abdur Razzak, joint convener Haidar Ali and district unit President of Mohila Parishad Dilara Begum Parul made speeches, demanding exemplary punishment to the criminals.

Dhumketu, an anti-stalking organisation of Joypurhat district, also formed a human chain in front of Natore Press Club at around 11:00am.

## HABIGANJ SERIAL BLASTS

# Trial of seven JMB men begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday started trial of seven accused in Habiganj serial blasts case.

The tribunal recorded statements of six witnesses to the serial blasts that took place in the district town on August 17, 2005.

Judge Mahbub-Ul-Islam fixed November 3 for recording statements of rest of the witnesses, Special Public Prosecutor Ashoke Kumar Kar told this correspondent.

Five of the accused, including outlawed JMB chief Maulana Saidur Rahman and his son Shamim, were produced in the court while Salah Uddin and Shafiqul Islam alias Nazim are still at large.

The tribunal on 14 October framed charges against the accused. According to the prosecution, the accused

exploded seven bombs in front of the deputy commissioner's office, pourasava market and five other places of the district town.

Police arrested Shamim at IB computer centre at Tinkona pukur par in the district town on September 7, 2005. They also seized some books on jihad and CDs from the center.

The Criminal Investigation Department submitted the charge sheet against seven people, including Moulana Saidur Rahman and his son Shamim in December 2009.

The other accused are JMB operatives Azizul Islam Gazi alias Hanif of Bania in Koira upazila under Khulna district, Shafiqul Islam Nazim of Sherpur in Bogra, Hafez Huzafa alias Sumon of Kathal Rajbari under Trishal upazila of Mymensingh, Belal alias Tamim of Baniapara in Jaipurhat and Salahuddin.

## BDR MUTINY IN PHULBARI

# Hearing on charge framing against 23 on December 20

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The Special Court-13 yesterday fixed December 20 for hearing on charge framing against 23 mutineers of

40 Rifles Battalion in Phulbari court sources said.

Court chief Col Saleh Ahmad, Dinajpur sector commander, fixed the date and adjourned the trial proceedings until December 20. Other members of the court are Lt Col Mahaful Alam and Major Didar Al Latif. All the 23 accused were produced in the court.

On Tuesday, 10 BDR men of the battalion were arrested after the court issued an arrest warrant against them for their involvement in the mutiny. They were later handed over to the police who sent them to Dinajpur jail.

Assistant Nayek Subedar Md Asaduzzaman of the battalion read out allegations against the accused on Tuesday.

The complainant alleged that the BDR personnel looted arms from armoury and revolted against their officers on February 25 and 26 last year, expressing solidarity with the mutineers of Pilkhana BDR headquarters in the capital.



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Bangladesh College Teachers' Association and National Teachers' Front bring out a procession in Rajshahi city yesterday demanding punishment to the criminals who killed Mizanur Rashid, a teacher of Lokmanpur College in Bagatipara upazila of Natore district, following his protest at stalking of female students by the delinquents.



## 25 shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

At least 25 shops were gutted in a fire at Gaibandha Puran Bazaar yesterday. The fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop of one Mintu Mia at around 11:00am and soon engulfed the adjacent shops. Fire fighting unit from Gaibandha district headquarters and Rangpur rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze at around 1:00pm. Shop owners claimed that good and property worth Tk five crore were gutted in the fire. Deputy commissioner and Police Superintendent visited the spot.

## Drug traffickers arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabagnj

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel arrested two drug traffickers and seized heroin worth Tk 2.65 crore from them at Moharajpur in Chapainawabagnj Sadar upazila yesterday. The arrestee are Golam Mostofa, 30, son of Mohammad Jamal of Phatapara village, and Tajal, 24, son of Abdus Sattar of Goadubi village under the upazila. Acting on a tip-off, a BDR team of Chapainawabagnj battalion headquarters went to Moharajpur village at around 11:00pm and arrested the two with a tool box. They opened the tool box and found 2.65kg heroin in it. Zayed Hossain, Commanding officer of 39 Rifles Battalion, said they handed over the traffickers to Sadar Police Station and lodged a case against them under the Narcotics Control Act.

## 16 hurt in B'baria clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

At least 16 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups over control of Nidarabad tempo Stand under Bijoynagar upazila of the district yesterday. Police and witnesses said Nazrul and Jalil groups, equipped with lethal weapons, attacked each other in the afternoon, leaving at least 16 people from both sides injured. Ten shops near the tempo stand were also ransacked during the clash that continued for half an hour. On information, law enforcers from Bijoynagar Police Station rushed to the spot, dispersed the clashing groups by firing rubber bullets and brought the situation under control. Of the injured, Akkas Ali, 40, Janab Ali, 45, Mozzamel, 32, and Abdul Jalil, 35, were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital while the rest given first aid at the hospital. No case was filed in connection with the incident as of filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday.

## AHSAB'S 3rd BIRTH ANNIVERSARY 28.10.2010



A Very Happy Birthday To My Dearest Ahsab. You are so near, and yet so far. Living only 3 blocks away Heartless people in whose hands you are captive for last 18 days Will not allow me to talk, visit or hug you, my own flesh and blood. May Allah bless you my Son. May you live long and grow up a good human being. My Love, Blessings & Best Wishes are always with you. Your BABAI