

KHAGRACHHARI, KUSHTIA MUTINY

Judgement in 3 cases in Jan, Feb

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Judgement in the cases for BDR mutiny at 29 Rifles Battalion in Khagrachhari and at 32 and 35 rifles battalions in Kushtia will be delivered on January 13 and February 2 next year.

The special court-15, headed by Chittagong Sector Commander Lt Col Zahedur Rahman, yesterday fixed January 13 for judgment against 47 rebels of 29 Battalion under Khagrachhari sector, according to a correspondent.

Two other members are Lt Col Abdur Nur and Major AZM Golam Mostafa AL Mamun. Commanding Officer of 29 Rifles Battalion Mafta-ul Karim is the prosecutor.

After argument, the court adjourned the trial until 10:00am on January 13 and

ordered the authorities concerned to produce all the 47 accused before it (court).

Four of the 47 accused confessed to their involvement in the mutiny at the battalion headquarters on February 26 last year while the rest claimed innocence.

The special court on December 9 completed recording statements of the witnesses in the case.

Deputy Attorney General Kazi Mohammad Ejarul Haque Akand, special public prosecutors Md Habibur Rahman and Aminur Rahman Khan were present in the court.

In Kushtia, the special court-17 fixed February 2 for judgment in two mutiny cases filed against 73 jawans of 32 and 35 rifles battalion under Kushtia sector, reports our correspondent.

Of the 73 accused, 61 belong to 32 Rifles Battalion in Kushtia and 12 to 35 Rifles Battalion in Chuadanga. Seventeen of them confessed to their involvement in the mutiny while the remaining 56 claimed innocence.

Two other members of the court are Lt Col Ainul Jamal and Major Asfaq Hossain.

Subedar Alauddin of 32 Rifles Battalion and Nayak Subedar Amzad Hossain of 35 Rifles Battalion filed two separate cases against the jawans as they revolted against their officers at their respective battalions on February 26 last year.

They looted firearms from armouries, blocked Kushtia-Meherpur road for several hours and fired blank shots, the complainants stated in the case statements.

Deputy Attorney General Md Selim was present in the court.

Minister to visit Aila-hit Khulna, affected to stage sit-in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

State Minister for Water Resources Md Mahbubur Rahman will visit Aila affected Dakope upazila of Khulna district today to see for himself progress of embankment works undertaken by Water Development Board (WDB).

Tomorrow, he will go to Koira upazila of Khulna district and Shyamnagar upazila of Satkhira district for the same purpose while over 2000 school students of Dakope, Koira and Paikgachha upazilas will observe a sit-in programme at Picture Place intersection in Khulna city to press home their demands for reconstruction of damaged embankments and immediate supply for relief and livelihood materials to mitigate sufferings of the affected people.

Aila Durgato Shanghati Mancha, a forum of different social organisations to help redress the sufferings of Aila affected people, have organised tomorrow's sit-in programme.

Holding books in their hands, the students will reiterate demands for reconstruction of damaged embankments, immediate allocation of fund for construction of damaged embankments, distribution of win-

ter clothes among affected people, supply of agricultural equipment with financial assistance to help them earn their livelihood, punishment of officials concerned of WDB and contractors for failing to construct embankments by December 31 this year and an impartial investigation into corruption in the implementation of relief and rehabilitation works.

The forum will submit memorandum to the Khulna deputy commissioner today, demanding steps to meet the demands by December 31 to avoid a tough movement.

"Aila-affected people have already lost their patience due to the authorities' false promises concerning construction of damaged embankments and implementation of rehabilitation project," said convenor of the forum Feroze Ahmed said.

Demanding full participation of the army for construction of embankments in the Aila-affected areas as per earlier commitment, he said over Tk 100 crore has so far been wasted in the name of construction of embankments while lakhs of people are still staying in makeshift camps without adequate food and safe drinking water.



Acid attack on mother of three

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Criminals entered a house at Kalapara village at dead of night on Monday and threw acid on a housewife.

Seriously burnt, she was admitted to Kalapara upazila health complex on Tuesday noon and later shifted to Patuakhali General Hospital in the evening.

On Wednesday, Brac, an NGO sent her to Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) in Dhaka for better treatment.

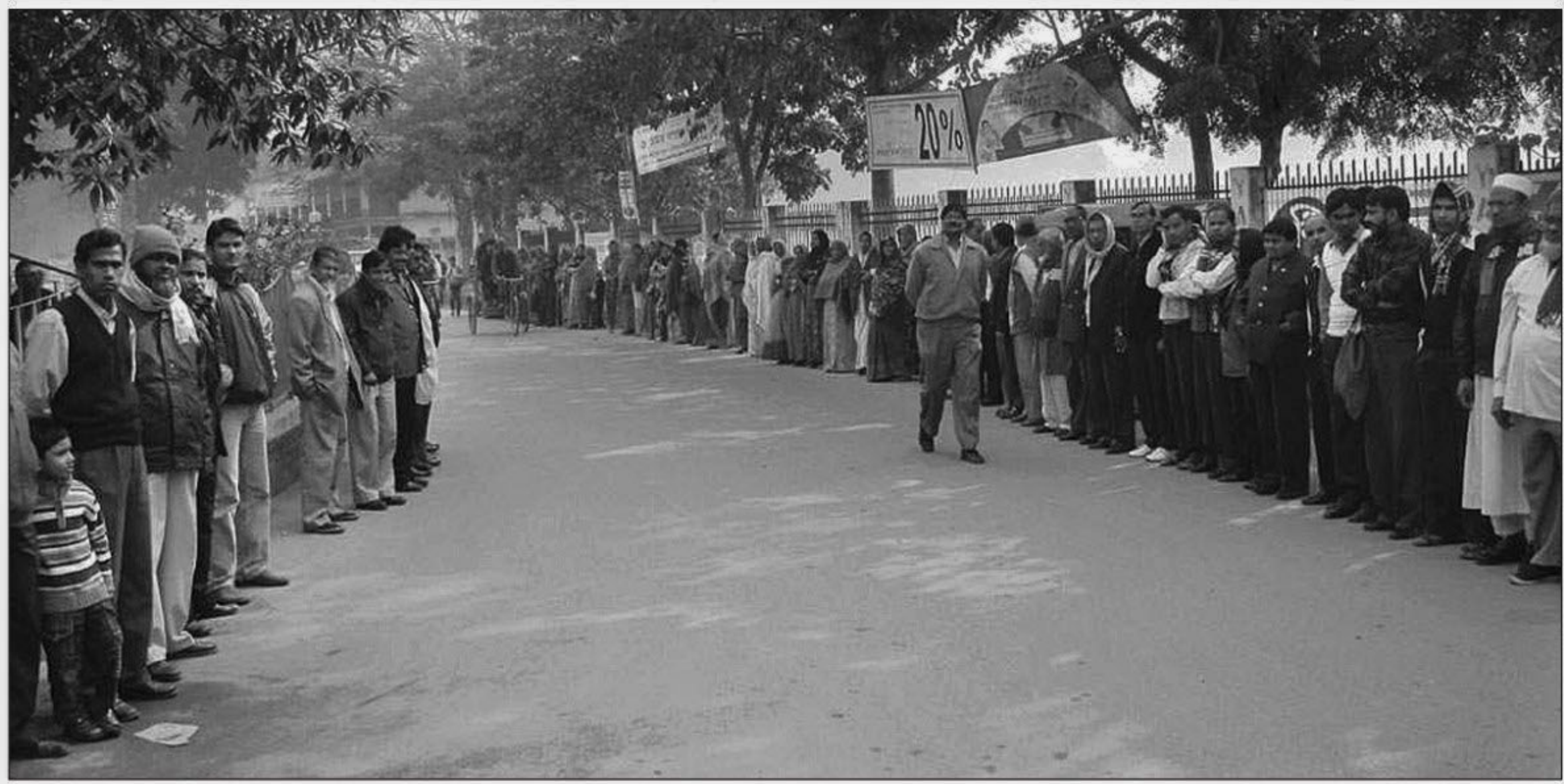
Mother of three, victim Hosneara Begum, 35, is wife of Khabir Sikder of Tarikata village under the upazila.

Police quoting the victim said Hosneara went to bed on Monday night with two of her children Tanzila, 10, and Masum, 8 as her husband went to his workplace in Chittagong.

At about 3am two criminals entered her house by digging earth and attacked the housewife. As she raised a hue and cry, the criminals threw acid on her person including left side of her face.

Locals rushed severely injured Hosneara to local health complex. On hearing the news, Brac sent her to Dhaka for better treatment for free, Nityananda Shil, an official of Brac told this correspondent.

Ishaq Ali, OC of Kalapara police station said police went to the spot but none was arrested as no case was filed in this regard.



Teachers of different schools and colleges in Chapainawabganj form a human chain in the district town yesterday demanding full implementation of National Education Policy-2010.

Natore Police Outpost Looting Case

Main accused held after long 5 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Police on Sunday evening arrested the main accused in Bamihal police outpost looting case from Bonpara bus stand while he was returning home from Sirajganj.

Arrestee Ismail Hossain, 38, is son of Azizul Islam of Bamihal village under Singra in the district.

On December 28, 2005 evening a few activists of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (Siraj Sikdar group) attacked Bamihal police outpost under Singra upazila in Natore.

They shot dead three Ansar members -- Abdul Aziz, Abdul Gafur and Abdul Momin -- and injured several others and looted at least 10 firearms and ammunition.

The arms and ammo include one sub machine-gun, one shot-gun, eight three-not-three rifles and 139 rifle bullets.

One of the outlaws was also killed when the Ansar members retaliated against the attack.

Police on the same night filed a case accusing 27 men in this connection with Singra police station. On April 30, 2010 they submitted a charge sheet before a Natore court against 23 accused.

Earlier police arrested six other accused in the last five years.

They are Golam Rabbani, son of Maholdi, Abdul Khaleh, son of Rais Uddin and Ayub Ali, son of Sahjahan Ali of Bamihal village, Razu, son of Mokshed Ali of Satardighi village under Singra upazila in the district and Amin alias Alamgir son of Abul Hossain of Babondighi village under Charghat upazila under Rajshahi and Belal, son of Rahim Uddin of Bochagang under Dinajpur. They are now in jail.

The attack on Bamihal police outpost took place when the district police administration was busy ensuring the security of the then prime minister Khaleda Zia, who went to Naldanga to address a public meeting.

At the camp, the outlaws destroyed all the wireless sets to disconnect radio communication with Natore and nearby police stations, and then left the place in a procession chanting slogans -- 'long live Maoism', and 'long live Siraj Sikdar'.

Fayezur Rahman, officer-in-charge in Singra police station said, on secret information, police took position near Bonpara bypass and arrested Azizul at about 7:00pm.

Two housewives murdered, another commits 'suicide'

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Two housewives have been beaten to death in Mymensingh and Jessore while another allegedly committed suicide in Jhenidah.

A housewife, who was beaten up by her neighbour on Tuesday over a trifling matter at Vagnamari char village in Gouripur upazila in Mymensingh, died at Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital the next morning, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Saleha, 42, wife of Nurul Islam of the village.

Police quoting locals said, on Tuesday afternoon, Saleha collected some leaves of the jackfruit tree of her neighbour Abdul Halim. Later, an altercation ensued between them over the issue.

In the evening, angry Halim along with his men entered the house of Saleha and beat her mercilessly, leaving her critically injured.

She was rushed to the hospital where she died early in the morning.

In Benapole, Jessore, a housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband at Dhannokhola village on Monday night, reports a correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Kanchan Begum, 19, daughter of Abul Kashem of Shikarpur village under the same police station.

Kamal Hossain, brother of the deceased said, his sister and Abdul Quddus, son of Momin Hossain got married one year ago.

After the marriage Quddus often tortured Kanchan for dowry. On Monday night, the couple engaged in an altercation over a trivial family matter and at one stage Quddus beat her up mercilessly leaving her dead.

Later, he tried to establish it as a suicide incident by pouring poison into her mouth, Kamal claimed.

On information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. A UD case was filed.

In Jhenidah, a housewife allegedly committed suicide

on Wednesday noon after damaging a mobile sent by her expatriate brother.

The incident occurred at Nadpara village under Shaikupa upazila.

Victim Morzina Khatun, 30, was daughter of Golap Biswas of Nadpara village under Shaikupa upazila.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Shaikupa police station said, Morzina was married to Saiful Islam of Nadpara village about 10 years ago.

Mother of two children, her brother lives abroad and he recently sent a mobile set for Morzina.

The mobile went out of order on Wednesday morning and this led to a quarrel between Morzina and her husband. As her husband rebuked her, after a while Morzina took poison.

She was rushed to Shaikupa health complex where she died at noon.

ELECTION FEVER

Chandpur: 48 AL men to vie for seven mayor posts

As many as 48 Awami League men submitted their nomination papers for mayoral posts in the upcoming elections to seven municipalities scheduled for January 18 in Chandpur district, according to a correspondent.

Of them, 14 submitted their nominations in Kachua, four in Hajiganj, nine in Shahrasti, seven in Chhengarchar, six in Matlab and eight in Faridganj.

Meanwhile, election to Chandpur municipality will be held on January 27 next year and the ruling Awami League is giving support to incumbent Mayor Nasir Uddin Ahmed.

Besides, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami, BNP and independent candidates submitted their nomination papers for the mayoral posts.

Noakhali: 5 hurt as supporters of rival candidates clash

At least five leaders and activists of Jubo League and Chhatra League were injured as the supporters of AL-nominated candidate and rival candidate of Hatiya municipality clashed near the Hatiya Upazila Complex on Wednesday, reports our correspondent.

Sources said, AL rival candidate Md Yusuf Ali claimed before the election official that AL-nominated candidate advocate Saifuddin Ahmed is a loan defaulter.

At that time, the upazila nirbahi officer and returning officer Harun Ur Rashid was scrutinising the nomination papers.

Sources said Saifuddin took Tk 27 lakh government loan to buy trawlers.

Scrutiny session over, Yusuf Ali was going to his house with his supporters. All of a sudden the supporters of Saifuddin attacked them on the main road near upazila complex.

Five leaders and activists including Md. Bahar, Hatiya upazila Jubo League secretary, Md Rubel, publicity secretary of Hatiya upazila Chhatra League and Md. Hasan, organising secretary were injured seriously.

UNO Harun Ur Rashid later said that Saifuddin Ahmed was not a loan defaulter.

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Selection of Partner Organizations under National Domestic Biogas and Manure Programme (NDBMP)

1. Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) is implementing the National Domestic Biogas and Manure Programme (NDBMP) with support from SNV, Netherlands Development Organization and KfW, German Financial Cooperation. IDCOL has a target of financing a total of 37,269 biogas plants in the rural and semi urban areas of Bangladesh by 2012.

2. Expression of Interests (EOI) are invited from NGOs/MFIs/ Companies that are interested to participate in construction and maintenance of biogas plants as Lending and Construction Partner Organization (LCPO) under the framework, terms and conditions of NDBMP.

3. For selection as LCPO, the NGO/MFI must have proven microfinance experiences and license under Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA) and the Company should be registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms. All potential applicants should also have a good business plan, qualified personnel, transparent and sound account and audit system, strong institutional capacity and experience in civil construction work.

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7. Interested organizations should send their EOIs to IDCOL, NDBMP, Royal Tower (7th Floor), 4 Panthapath Commercial Area, Kawranbazar, Dhaka-1215 on or before 18 January, 2011. For detailed selection criteria for the LCPO, list of existing CPOs/LCPOs, other information and EOI please visit IDCOL's website www.idcol.org or collect the same from IDCOL office, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 500 (Taka five hundred only) from 26 December, 2010 during office hour. IDCOL will have the right to accept or reject any EOI without assigning any reason.

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FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A DOCUMENTARY FILM/MOVIE ON
CHTDF, UNDP HEALTH ACTIVITIES IN THE CHT**

All interested bidders/organizations are hereby informed that the proposal submission deadline for the above mentioned RFP has been extended up to **3rd January, 2011, 4:30 pm (local time)**.

The minute of the pre-bid meeting held on 19th December, 2010, along with the RFP document, is available at the UNDP website at: http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_detail.php?id=202

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Schedule for receiving Initial Public Offering (IPO) Share Application forms

	For Resident Bangladeshi	For Non-Resident Bangladeshi (By hand)
Date & Time	January 02, 2011 to January 06, 2011	January 02, 2011 to January 06, 2011 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM)
Venue	Bankers to the Issue as mentioned in application Form	AGB Colony Community Center, (Opposite of Motijheel Ideal School), Dhaka-1000 instead of Company's Head office.

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