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**Gunfight rocks CHT again**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari  
Armed activists of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samiti (PCJSS) and United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF) exchanged gunshots over establishing supremacy in Narachhari area under Dighinala  
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**MONEY LAUNDERING BB governor to head new taskforce**

STAR BUSINESS REPORT  
The government has formed a new taskforce headed by the Bangladesh Bank governor to bring laundered money back into the country, according to a circular  
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**PRAYER TIMING** January 27

Azhan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-35 6-10
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	4-15 4-30
Maghrib	5-46 5-50
Esha	7-15 7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

**Crucial test for EC, govt**

*Polls to Habiganj, B'baria JS seats, 12 municipalities today*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Two parliamentary constituencies and 12 municipalities go to the polls today amid tight security.  
The elections appear to be a crucial test for the Election Commission as well as the two major political parties -- Awami League and BNP -- that fought a close battle of ballots in the countrywide municipal polls a week ago.  
Both the parties are desperate to win the elections putting the EC to the test again to prove its credibility by holding free and fair polls.  
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**INFLUENCING POLLS AL, BNP accuse each other**

NAJMUL ALAM NOBIN, from Habiganj  
The ruling Awami League and main opposition BNP accused each other of influencing the election, hours before the Habiganj-1  
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**Internal strife concern for both parties**

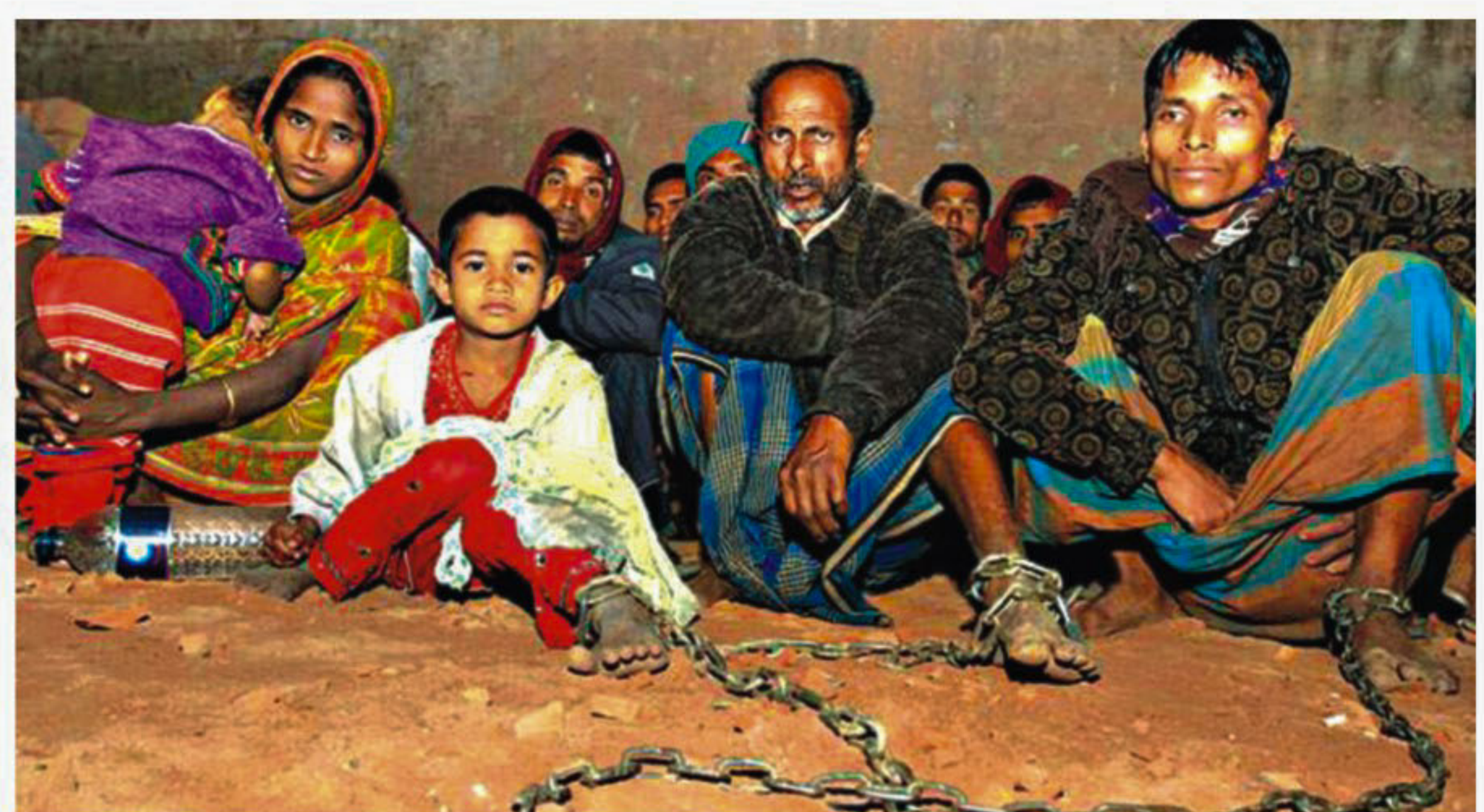
PANKAJ KARMAKAR with SHEIKH SHAHIDUL ISLAM from B'baria  
Brahmanbaria-3 constituency is all prepared for today's by-polls with an undercurrent of intra-party conflicts in the two major  
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**Explain formation of military tribunal**

*HC asks govt in Taher execution trial*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain why formation of a military tribunal, which had tried and sentenced Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Huq Inu and Vice President Rabiul Alam in 1976, should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional.  
The HC bench of Justice AHM  
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Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Md Zakir Hossain issued the rule following a writ petition filed by Inu and Rabiul challenging the martial law regulation under which the tribunal was formed.  
The hearing of the rule will be held along with the ongoing hearing of the writ petition filed challenging the trial of Col Abu Taher, said the court.



Slavery still lurking....Rab personnel rescue these people, including children, from Ekota Brickfield in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital last night, where they had been put in chains and made to work.  
PHOTO: STAR

**30 rescued from Ashulia brickfield**

*Chained, forced to work for weeks*  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Rapid Action Battalion yesterday rescued 30 workers including a woman and two children from slavlike confinement at a brickfield of Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital.  
They were chained and forced to toil, Rab sources said.  
The Rab men also arrested Manager Ratan and his assistant Hashem of the brickfield while all  
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**DROPPING RAPE-ATTEMPT CASE HC asks govt to explain decision**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The High Court has issued a rule on the government to explain in four weeks why the withdrawal of a rape attempt case against Awami League lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder and others should not be cancelled.  
The rule came following a writ petition filed by the victim challenging the government move to drop the  
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**No extra-judicial killings during govt's tenure**

*Claim home minister, her deputy; say law enforcers have right to defend themselves from criminals' attack*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday reiterated that no extra-judicial killing has taken place during the tenure of the present government.  
However, reports by rights organisations contradict the claim she made while talking to journalists after a cabinet meeting on law and order at the home ministry.  
Sahara at the same time created confusion saying that measures are being taken against such incidents.  
Odhikar, a Dhaka-based human rights watchdog, in its annual report said 127 people fell victim to extra-judicial killings in 2010.  
State Minister for Home Shamsul Hoque Tuku said many police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members were suspended for violation of law while on duty.  
He also said the present government does not support extra-judicial killing.  
Both Sahara and Tuku defended the law enforcement agencies from accusation of extra-judicial killings or killings in crossfire against them.  
Sahara said, "The duty of law-enforcers is to arrest criminals. But what will they do if criminals fire on them?"  
At times they [law enforcers] have to counter-attack to protect themselves from being shot and killed, she added.  
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**২৭-তে চলছে ফটাফটি অফার**

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