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A mobile court seizes carbide-treated mangoes at Tiroil village in Baraigram upazila under Natore district and fines two traders yesterday. Widespread use of toxic substances to artificially ripen the delicious summer fruit poses serious health hazards to the consumers.

Justice delayed is justice denied

No charge sheet yet a year into Sylhet CBA leader murder

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Police could not file charge sheet nearly one year into the killing of Abu Taher, president of the ruling Awami League-backed CBA of Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Ltd.

There are allegations that investigators could not proceed much in fixing the charges due to alleged involvement of the ruling party backed men with the murder.

Police officials claimed the investigation is going on rightly while a source requesting anonymity said the case may be shifted to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) from the Detective Branch as the investigations were hampered or misguided.

Well behaved by nature, Abu Taher won the CBA polls by defeating city Sramik League chief Abdul Rahman only by two votes.

Taher was hacked to death when he was on the way to his office on a motorbike in the morning on June 10 last year. Joint secretary of the CBA-Fazlul Bari Didar was also on the motorbike.

"Two motorbike riders stopped us at Rainagar while another bike was following, minutes after our start from the Jalalabad Gas staff quarters. They hit Taher with iron rods and stabbed him severely. I could not identify the attackers," Didar, who was also injured during the incident, told the police and newsmen at the hospital that day.

After the killing, Taher's wife and daughter told the newsmen that people in the CBA were involved with the killing as Taher did not agree with some of the wrongdoings at the office and in the CBA. Things were clear from telephonic conversations days before the killing, they said.

"Weeks before the murder,



ABU TAHER

Taher had played a role in transferring several employees and taking some important decisions at the office, much to the dissatisfaction of a section of staff," said Taher's wife Afroza.

But the woman, now visibly frustrated, is reluctant to say anything over the gruesome killing of her husband.

"We do not want to say anything about the murder. Let Allah see everything," Afroza told this correspondent a few days ago.

Taher started working to make things well against the backdrop of huge irregularities in the gas office by the previous regime's CBA, said a few people close to him.

Just after Taher's murder, police got some clues to it, but they are in great trouble due to pressure from ruling party men, sources claimed.



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Widow and son and daughter of slain CBA leader Abu Taher are losing hope for justice as no charge sheet has been submitted one year into the gruesome murder.

Weeks after the killing, Didar gave a statement before the magistrate's court alleging that some of their colleagues had made the attack.

But some quarters claim the delayed statement was made to save the real killers as Didar an hour after the murder told the police and newsmen that he knew none of the attackers.

Contacted, the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police Rezaul Karim said a few days ago, "The investigation is in progress. On the basis of confessional statement before the magistrate's court by one of the four people arrested earlier, four others are wanted as yet. We are considering the case as very important and dealing it carefully."

"Clique over the CBA election and internal feuds had led to the murder. Taher also faced the wrath of some of his colleagues and officials, as he was against some activities at the office. We are trying to unearth the mystery and arrest the rest of the killer suspects, before filing the charge sheet. It may take some more time," said the investigation officer, Inspector Abdul Awal Chowdhury of the Detective Branch.

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9 chairman, 15 member candidates fined

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Mobile courts fined nine chairman and 15 member candidates and sentenced three others to jail in Kishoreganj and Joypurhat districts yesterday and on Sunday night for violating election code of conduct.

Our Kishoreganj correspondent reported that a mobile court led by Nikki Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Fazlur Rahman, on Sunday night fined eight UP chairman aspirants Tk 2,000 each and 15 member candidates Tk 1,000 each for pasting posters on walls.

All the eight chairmen candidates are in the election race in Nikli Sadar Union. They are Md Sajedul Islam, Md Asmat Ali, Amirul Ali Mamun, Dr Kafil Uddin, Md Akter Hossain, Borhan Uddin, Md Iftekher Ahmed Arif and Sultana Kamal.

In Joypurhat, a candidate contesting for the post of chairman of Puranpoil Union Parishad under Sadar upazila was fined and three of his supporters were sentenced to jail for violation election rules, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

Acting on a tip-off, a mobile court led Executive Magistrate Ramendra Nath Biswas went to Bankhur village under the union yesterday morning and arrested three supporters of chairman candidate Nikhil Chandra Mondol while they were distributing money among the voters.

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Scores more injured in post-UP poll violence

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At least 85 people, including 12 members of law enforcement agencies, were injured in post-UP poll violence in Sirajganj, Gaibandha and Thakurgaon districts on Sunday night.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reported that three separate incidents of violence in Sadar upazila left at least 50 people, including the officer-in-charge of Ullapara Police Station and four Rab members, injured.

Of the injured, 20 including Ullapara OC Tajul Huda and four Rab men, were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital.

Police said the first incident occurred at Harina Hata polling centre in Bohuli Union where the supporters of two defeated member candidates clashed after counting of votes. At least 15 people from both sides were injured during the clash. Police fired 22 rounds of rubber bullets to bring the situation under control.

Later, the unruly mob attacked the law enforcers who were carrying ballot boxes to upazila headquarters, leaving at least 20 people, including four Rab members, injured.

Another incident took place at Golami Dumur polling centre in the same union where the supporters of two chairman candidates locked in a clash after counting of votes. The clash left at least 15 people from both sides injured.

In Gaibandha, post-election clashes left at least 20 people, including two cops, injured in Sunderganj upazila.

After counting of ballot papers at Bazra Kanchibari Govt Primary School centre in Kanchibari Union, the presiding officer of the centre along with police was

going to Sunderganj upazila headquarters in a microbus to deposit the ballot boxes.

When they reached Char Masjid area of Bazra village, thousands of supporters of a defeated candidate waylaid the microbus, swooped on the presiding officers and law enforcers and snatched a Chinese rifle from a cop.

As they tried to snatch ballot boxes, police fired 40 rounds of blank shots and four rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the unruly people. During the clash, seven people, including a constable, sustained injuries.

Police and arrested five people but could not recover the rifle as of 6:00pm yesterday.

At Gopal Charan Govt Primary School centre in Dahabandh Union, the supporters of defeated member candidate Yunus Ali attacked polling officers and policemen soon after the announcement of election results. Police fired ten rounds of blank shots to disperse the unruly people.

In Thakurgaon, at least 10 people, including an assis-

tant presiding officer and two polling officers, were injured as the supporters of a defeated member candidate attacked them at Thakithuki Registered Primary School centre in Amgaon Union under Haripur upazila at around 10:00pm on Sunday.

After counting of votes at the centre, the supporters of a member candidate rejected the results and attacked the presiding and polling officers.

Police fired five rounds of blank shots, dispersed the angry supporters of the member and brought the situation under control.

After a few minutes, the supporters of the defeated member candidate again entered the centre and confined the presiding and polling officers to a room.

As Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Baliadangi Md Moniruzzaman and an executive magistrate reached the spot, the angry mob attacked their vehicles.

The striking force rushed to the spot and rescued the

presiding and polling officers. Police arrested defeated member Rafiqul Islam and his three supporters, Jewel, Enamul and Kajol on the spot.

In Khagrachhari, five policemen were injured in post-UP poll violence at Birshrestha Munshi Abdur Rouf High School centre of Maischhari Union under Mohalchhari upazila on Sunday.

The injured cops are Sub-Inspector Abdullah Al Harun, Nayek Ashraf Ali, and constables Ismail Hossain, Ripon Mia and Suhrawardy. They are undergoing treatment at Khagrachhari Adhunik Sadar Hospital.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Mohalchhari Police Station said the criminals attacked the policemen in a bid to snatch ballot boxes from the centre.

Later, police arrested six people for their alleged involvement in the incident. They are Farhad Ali, Jahirul Islam, Taj Uddin, Raihanul Islam, Omar Ali and Shahidul Islam.



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Indigenous women wait for their turn at Khayerbari Primary School polling centre in Phulbari upazila during yesterday's union parishad election in Phulbari and Birampur upazilas of Dinajpur district.

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MMCH interns continue strike

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Interns at Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital (MMCH) continued their indefinite strike for the third day yesterday.

The interns went on strike on Saturday morning protesting alleged attack on their colleagues by the relatives of a patient on Friday.

Sources said, Divya Joyati Saha, 13, a class seven student of Baro Bazar area in the district town was admitted to the hospital's ward 14 on June 1 with bronco pneumonia.

But the relatives of the patient took him to a paying bed at ward 19 defying the instruction of the on-duty doctors, sources said. The patient's condition was not well and at around 5:30pm,

Divya Joyati Saha died of his complications at ward 19.

After sometime, relatives of the patient with the help of outsiders swooped on the interns and assaulted a few of them.

Meanwhile, handling of huge rush of patients at the hospital yesterday turned into a hard task for the doctors and nurses.

About 180 interns used to work at different wards of the hospital with senior doctors. But the absence of interns is now putting a huge pressure on them, said a nurse at medicine ward of the hospital.

Patients at medicine, labour and paediatric wards suffer a lot during any strike, said a nurse at labour ward. A doctor at paediatric ward admitted to

this correspondent that ethically doctors should not announce such a tough programme.

Meanwhile, the striking interns under the banner of Interns' Chikitsak Parishad (Ichip) yesterday held a press conference at the doctors club.

At the press conference, they alleged that at least five doctors were assaulted by the outsiders and patient's relatives.

They also vowed that they would not join duties until their five-point demand is met.

Later, they formed a human chain and brought out a silent procession yesterday to press home their demands.

The demands include punishment to Friday's attackers and tightening of security of interns at the hospital.