

SPOTLIGHT: UPAZILA POLLS

Wealth report of Sylhet chairman candidates

Saifuddin Khaled richest among all

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private limited companies. He owns property worth Tk 1.2 crore and his annual income stands at 7.36 lakh. The Jamaat-backed candidate also owns 2.4 acres of farmland. AL-backed candidate Md Abdullah owns property worth Tk 12.52 lakh and his yearly income is 1.72 lakh.

In Biswanath upazila, AL-supported chairman aspirant Firoze Khan's annual income is Tk 3.35 lakh while he owns property worth Tk 37.95 lakh. He also shares ownership of two buildings, worth Tk 50 lakh. BNP's Sohel Ahmed Chowdhury owns property worth Tk 18.77 lakh while his annual income is Tk 2.02 lakh.

In Golaganj upazila, AL-backed chairman candidate Iqbal Ahmed Chowdhury has Tk 47.6 lakh assets. He earns Tk 9.61 lakh annually.

TWO DINAJPUR UPAZILAS

54 of 95 polling centres 'risky'

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Fifty-four of the 95 polling centres of Kaharol and Khansama upazilas under the district have been identified as vulnerable ahead of tomorrow's upazila parishad elections, said sources at the district election office.

Twenty-seven candidates are contesting for different posts and there are 'rebel' candidates of Awami League (AL) and BNP in most of the cases.

In Kaharol upazila, 1,02,193 voters will exercise their right to franchise through 202 booths under 43 centres but at least 20 of the centres are marked as vulnerable.

Four persons are contesting for the chairman post, five for vice chairman post and five for the vice chairman post reserved for women.

The chairman candidates are Abdul Maleque Sarker (AL), Gopesh Chandra Sarker (AL), Sharif Uddin Ahmed (AL) and Mamunur Rashid (BNP).

Vice chairman candidates are Hafizul Islam Chowdhury (AL), Abdul Osman Gani (AL), Hridoy Kumar Roy (AL), Joynal Abedin (JP) and Abdul Goni Master (Jamaat). Woman

Jamaat's upazila Ameer Namzul Islam, also a candidate for the post of chairman, possesses property Tk 23.26 lakh while his annual income is Tk 4.85 lakh.

In Gowainghat, AL's Luthfur Rahman Lebu owns property worth Tk 38.75 lakh while his annual income is Tk 3.86 lakh. Besides, he has co-ownership on 15 acres of farmland and two semi-pucca structures. BNP-backed candidate Abdul Hakim Chowdhury earns Tk 50,000 annually and he owns property worth Tk 9.5 lakh.

In Companiganj, BNP-backed candidate Shahabuddin's annual income is Tk 20.2 lakh while he owns property worth Tk 46.98 lakh. AL's rebel candidate Jahangir Alam earns Tk 21.39 lakh annually and he owns property worth Tk 16.98 lakh.

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Lalmirhat

Students of classes I and II of Khanpara Government Primary School at Madhya Goddimari village of Hatibandha upazila under the district have to attend their classes on a playground for the last one month as bees made hives in the classrooms.

"We cannot pay attention to our lessons due to noise from the road beside our school," said Asad Islam, another student.

"Bees may bite the students anytime. We urged the headmaster to destroy the beehive two weeks ago but to no effect," said Nazrul Islam,

guardian of a student of the school.

Hossain Ali, headmaster of the school, said, "The little kids of classes I and II like to take lessons in the school field as they feel cold inside the classroom during the winter. A week ago, I called a team of honey collectors to destroy the beehive in the classrooms, but they are making delay. The hives will be destroyed as soon as possible."

Damurhuda aspirants

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Chuadanga

Sixteen candidates submitted their nomination papers in Damurhuda upazila on Saturday, the last day of filing nomination papers.

According to EC schedule, election will be held in Damurhuda upazila on March 15, 2014 in the third phase.

Nine candidates submitted nominations for the post of chairman, five for vice-chairman post and two for woman vice-chairman post.

Ruling Awami League, BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami here have selected their candidates for election. However, rebel candidates of BNP also submitted their nomination papers.

The chairman candidates of Damurhuda upazila are Azadul Islam Azad (AL), Liakot Ali Shah (BNP), Maulana Azizur Rahman (Jamaat), Fazlur Rahman (BNP-rebel), Abdul Hasnat (BNP-rebel), Rafiqul Hasan Tonu (BNP-Rebel), Abdur Rob (BNP-rebel), Khalid Mahmud Milton (BNP-rebel) and Ezazul Haque Meraj (BNP-rebel).

The vice chairman candidates are Shaheedul Islam (AL), Rabiul Islam (BNP), Abdul Kader (Jamat), Habibur Rahman Bulet (BNP-rebel) and Abdul Hashem (BNP).

The woman vice chairman appoints are Rawshon Akber Lily (AL) and Salma Jahan (BNP).



Children of Seba Sangha Government Primary School at Benapole in Jessor district pray in solemn silence yesterday as the area mourns the tragic death of seven local school kids in a bus accident in Chougachha upazila on Saturday night. Forty-seven other students and teachers were also injured in the accident.

Logs of illegally felled roadside trees seized

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Upazila Nirbahi Officer Golam Azam on Sunday asked Awliapur union parishad chairman and Union Land Assistant Officer (Tohoshildar) to seize the trees which were illegally cut down on Millhat Shaslapetala-Sonahar road of Awliapur union in Sadar upazila last Friday and Saturday.

Following the order, Tohoshildar Abdul Hamid accompanied with gram police (village police) Tiriquil Islam and Ananta Kumar seized around 140 logs out of 200 trees from a local Jubo League leader's sawmill and brought them to union

parishad office premises in the afternoon.

Seeking anonymity, a number of local people alleged that the wood traders who felled the trees took a good number of them to elsewhere, seeing the reporters of two national dailies on the spot of Friday and Saturday.

Contacted, Abdul Hamid told this correspondent over cell phone that they seized logs of different sizes from Md. Sumon's sawmill in Millhat area in Sadar upazila.

Md. Sumon, president of Awliapur union unit of Jubo League, also a wood trader, said he bought 330 trees from Awliapur Union Federation.

Bodies of two activists of Jamaat, Shibir exhumed

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Rangpur

Bodies of two activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir were exhumed on Saturday, 42 days after their death in poll violence at Pirogachha upazila.

Later the bodies were sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

They were identified as Jamaat activist Mirajul Islam Miraj, 35, son of late Azim Uddin of Gunjorkha village and Shibir activist Hadiuzzaman Hadi, 16, son of late Ozahar Rahman of

Biraheem village under Pirogachha upazila.

Mokbul Hossain, officer in-charge of Pirogachha police station said, Saidur Rahman, sub-inspector of the police station, also investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted a plea for an autopsy of the bodies on January 30 with Senior Judicial Magistrate Court in Rangpur.

He claimed that the family members of the deceased had buried them at their respective family graveyards on January 5 without informing the local police.

On January 4 night, a

few hours before the 10th national elections, 30-35 Jamaat-Shibir men

attacked the polling centre at Deuti School and College in Pirogachha upazila.

At one stage they tried to set fire to the polling centre.

To resist them from the subversive activities, police opened fire on them, leaving Miraj and Hadi dead on the spot.

On January 6, Monwar Hossain, presiding officer of the polling centre, lodged a case with the police station in this connection.

Woman, son electrocuted

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Mymensingh

A woman and her SSC examinee son were electrocuted at village Nawdar in Trishal upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased are Delwara Begum, 45 and Imran Hossain, 16.

Imran appeared at SSC examinations this year from Muslim High School in Mymensingh town, police said.

Delwara, wife of Niamat Ali Khan, came in touch of live electric wire when she was spreading clothes in the sun in the courtyard around 10.30am.

Hearing the scream of Delwara, Imran rushed to the spot and tried to save his mother but only to meet the same fate, said police.

However, fire broke out

again at the same place yesterday morning.

Being informed, six firefighting units from Madhabdi and Narsingdi district town rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control after three hours of frantic efforts.

Director of the mill Mohsin Ali claimed that the fire damaged equipment, threads and cotton worth Tk 50 crore.

Fire Service sources said the fire broke out at the

Military Engineer Services

Directorate of Works & Chief Engineer (Army)

Amendment to Invitation for Tenders

1. Invitation for tenders of the following works appeared in Dainik Samakal on 26 December 2013 & The Daily Star on 25 December 2013 and in Dainik Kalerkontha on 29 January 2014 and The Daily Sun on 28 January 2014.
2. Tender name
3. Invitation for tender No.
4. The following items are amended as follows
5. Tender last selling date
6. Tender submission date & time
7. Tender opening date & time
8. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting
9. All other aspects of the above invitation for tenders shall remain unchanged.

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Grabbers asked to remove structures on Shabbaria River

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Patuakhali district administration has served notices on the grabbers of Shabbaria River under Kalapara upazila of the district to remove structures from both sides of the river.

Deputy Revenue Collector (RDC) Ahsan Ullah Sharifi said ten notices were issued on February 12, asking the grabbers to remove the illegal structures within seven days.

"If the occupiers do not comply with the order, we will take necessary steps against them," the RDC said, adding that ten more notices will be issued soon.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) is preparing to take legal steps against the persons, who have grabbed Shabbaria River.

A two-member team of the association visited different points of the river on February 3 and collected

information, list of the grabbers and other documents relating to river grabbing.

Lincoln Bayen, Barisal divisional coordinator of Bela and Md Wahiduzzaman, research officer of the association, visited Mohipur, Alipur, and Laxmibazar points that have already been grabbed by some influential people.

Shabbaria River is getting narrower day by day as influential people are grabbing it by building structures on both sides of the river.

Nearly 650 structures have been built over the last two years at Mohipur, Alipur and Laxmibazar points while more are under construction on the 20-km river, which falls into the Bay of Bengal in Kuakata.

Fishermen take shelter during floods, cyclones and other natural disasters in the river. But it is now losing its navigability due to indiscriminate grabbing.

Housewife 'stabbed to death for murder'

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A housewife has been hacked to death allegedly by her husband for dowry in Sadar upazila.

Deceased Parvina Khatun, 25, was second wife of Mohammad Khokon of Beleghat in the upazila.

Sub-inspector Jamal Hossain of Kotwali police station said, on information, they recovered her body from the rail gate of Rahamotpur in the area yesterday and sent it to Jessore Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The body bore several stab injuries, said the SI.

Parvina's elder brother Abdus Sattar alleged that Khokon often tortured his

sister for dowry since their marriage four years ago.

Parvina was staying at their home in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district for the last three days after she was tortured by her husband for dowry, said Sattar.

Khokon called Parvina on Sunday evening over mobile phone that he had been waiting at Satmille Bazar to bring her home.

Yesterday morning, Khokon informed one of their relatives over phone that Parvina was killed in a road accident.

Officer in-charge Emdadul Haque Sheikh of the PS said police were investigating the matter.



Huge cotton and equipment of Joba Textile Mills at Brahmandi in Narsingdi town lie ravaged after two consecutive fire incidents on Sunday night and yesterday morning.

Textile mill gutted in fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Narsingdi

A devastating fire at a textile mill at Brahmandi in the district town on Sunday night destroyed a huge quantity of cotton in its warehouse.

Fire Service sources said the fire broke out at the