

SPOTLIGHT: UPAZILA POLLS

Chirirbandar Hindus in panic as 'attacker' Jamaat leader in polls race

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinajpur

Accused in five criminal cases, former district Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Aftab Uddin Mollah, also incumbent chairman of Chirirbandar upazila parishad in Dinajpur, is contesting for the same post in tomorrow's election, much to the worry of local Hindus.

The cases against Aftab include those for attacking Hindus in Chirirbandar upazila several times since August 4 in 2012 and attacking policemen last year, police said.

Three of the cases were filed under Speedy Tribunal Act, police said, adding that a charge sheet has been submitted against him in

connection with attacking Hindus at Bolaibazar in Chirirbandar upazila last year.

After filing of the first case in August 2012, he went into hiding and Awami League backed Abu Hannan Md Sadeq, incumbent vice chairman, continued serving as acting chairman of Chirirbandar upazila.

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Seeking anonymity, a police official said there is hardly any scope to do anything on the part of police as Aftab Uddin mentioned details of his cases in his electoral statement and the election office allowed him to take part in the polls.

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His candidature and alleged inaction of police in arresting him triggered fresh panic among the local Hindus.

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AL, BNP aspirants face rebels in greater Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

Awami League and BNP rebels are in the election race in four upazilas of greater Sylhet where the third phase of upazila polls will be held on March 15.

They did not withdraw their nominations on the last date of withdrawal of candidatures on February 24.

Sylhet district BNP Organising Secretary and Dakkhin Surma upazila BNP President ATM Foyez is contesting for the post of upazila chairman, ignoring

party's request to withdraw his candidature.

Sylhet unit of the BNP-backed 19-party alliance in a meeting last week decided to back Lokman Ahmed of Jamaat for the post of upazila chairman.

In Fenchuganj upazila, the 19-party backed candidate Saifullah Al Hossain of Jamaat is facing BNP rebels.

Ohiduzzaman Chowdhury, Sultana Razia and Aftab Ali.

AL-backed candidate Abdul Basit Tutul is also in trouble as rebels Nurul Islam and Faisal Azad Khan did not withdraw their

candidatures.

In Jamalganj upazila of Sunamganj district, AL-backed Rezaul Karim Shamim will face tough challenge as rebel Yousuf AL Azad is in the race. BNP-backed candidate Shamsul Alam Talukder is vying for the chairman post.

In Barlekha of Moulvibazar district, BNP's Abdul Hafiz and Jamaat's Emdadul Islam contesting for the post of upazila chairman.

Awami has fielded local leader Rafiqul Islam as its candidate for the post.

AL expels seven rebels in Mymensingh, Gaibandha

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Seven Awami League men were expelled in Mymensingh and Gaibandha districts yesterday and the day before as they are contesting the upazila elections, defying party decision.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reported that the district unit of the ruling party expelled five rebel candidates for chairman and vice-chairman posts in Sadar upazila, reports our correspondent.

The district committee took the decision in a meeting held at the party office on Monday night.

The expellees are Fayzur Rahman Fakir and Afaz Uddin Sarker. They are contesting the election for the chairman post. The three other expellees- Anwarul Islam Ripon, Abu Sayeed

Din Islam Fakrul, and Rafiqul Islam—are vying for the post of vice-chairman.

Abdul Matin Sarker, general secretary of the district unit, they expelled the five for violating party decision.

In Gaibandha, Awami League expelled two leaders as they are still in the election race, ignoring party decision to back a single candidate in upcoming upazila election in Sadar upazila, reports our correspondent.

District unit President advocate Syed Shamsul Alam Hiru and General Secretary Abu Bakker Siddique in joint statement yesterday said that the party expelled Hasan Mahmud Siddique, president of Krishik League district unit, and Mahmud Sarowar Mukta, member of the district unit, for not withdrawing their candida-

tures.

Mahmud is contesting election slated for March 15 for the post of chairman while Mukta for the post of vice-chairman.

Party-backed candidates for the posts are advocate Anisur Rahman and Rasheda Begum.

Meanwhile, six upazilas in Naogaon and one in Chapainawabganj districts go to polls tomorrow.

Twenty-four candidates will contest for chairman posts, 24 for vice chairman posts and 17 for the posts of vice chairman reserved for women in the upazilas, reports our correspondent.

The upazilas where election will take place tomorrow are Naogaon sadar upazila, Atrai upazila, Sapahar upazila, Niamatpur upazila, Badalgachhi upazila of Naogaon district,

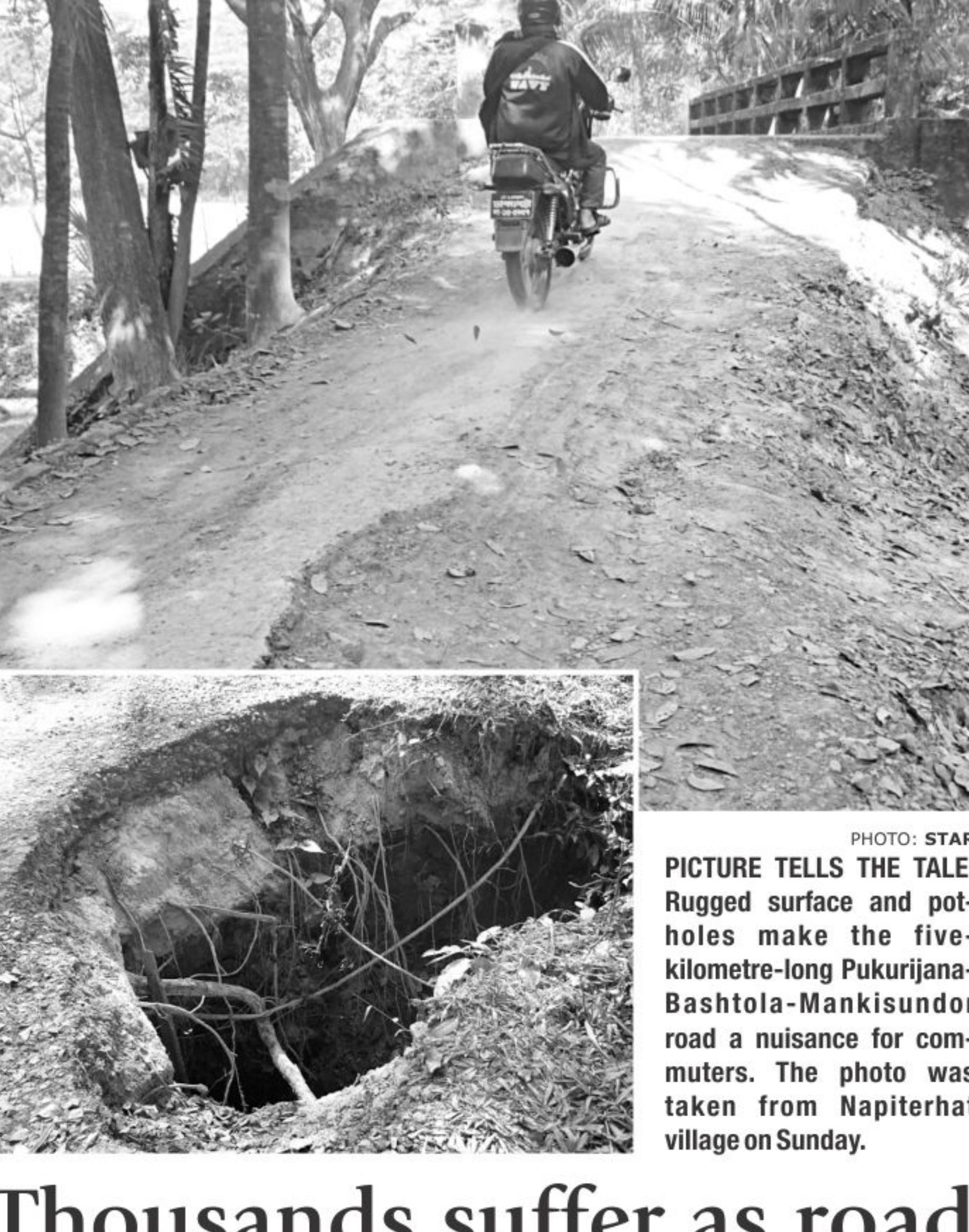


PHOTO: STAR
PICTURE TELLS THE TALE: Rugged surface and potholes make the five-kilometre-long Pukurijana-Bashtola-Mankisundor road a nuisance for commuters. The photo was taken from Napiterhat village on Sunday.

Thousands suffer as road is in awful condition

M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL,
Jhalakathi

Thousands of people of seven villages in Rajapur upazila under the district are badly suffering as five km Pukurijana-Bashtola-Mankisundor road has remained in an awful condition for years.

The residents of Pukurijana, Mankisundar, Napiterhat, Mathbari, Dahrshankor, Indrapasa and Bashtola villagers are facing communication problem as the road constructed in 2002 has not seen any repair work, said locals.

The metalled road now

looks like a muddy one while several culverts and bridges on the road cannot be used by vehicles as the approach roads are very rough and low, they said.

"Often accidents occur on the road. A few months ago, I was going to school, riding a bike on the road when it fell in a large pothole," said Md Ali Akbar, headmaster of Dahrshankor Primary School.

"We cannot use the road in rainy season as it becomes muddy at places. I have a bicycle but I cannot use it for going to school due to miserable condition of the road," said Zakir, a

schoolboy of Pukurijana village.

Patients become the worst sufferers when they need to be taken to the health complex. I repeatedly requested the local MP for repairing the road but to no effect," said Jahidul Islam, chairman of Mathbari union parishad.

Nazrul Islam, upazila engineer of Local Government Engineering Department, said, "Several times we informed the higher authorities of the matter and sent project proposal in this regard but we are yet to get any response."

Charges pressed against 7 in Bogra double murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Charges have been pressed against seven accused in the case for killing two security guards of a multinational medicine distribution company in the district town on August 1 last year.

Sub-inspector Abdur Razzak, investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Bogra, on Monday afternoon.

The accused are Golam, 25, son of Khuku Mia of Malgram, Motiur, 26, son of Afsar Ali of Nishindhara, Belal Hossain, 32, son of Abu Hossain of Phulbari, Rakib, 24, son of Badsha Mia, Jewel, 23, son of Mesher Ali, Reza, 23, son of

Manik Mia, and Sujan, 22, son of Khuku Mia of Sutrapur of the town.

Two security guards, Tajul Islam, 26, Russel Mia, 25--of Zuellig Pharma Limited, were hacked to death by the accused at the company's office at Orchid House in the town in the early hours of August 1 last year. They (accused) also looted Tk 5.85 lakh from the office.

Masudul Hasan, office-in-charge of Zuellig Pharma Limited, filed a case with Bogra Sadar Police Station, accusing 10 unidentified people the same day.

Of the charge-sheeted accused, Golam, Jewel, Sujan and Motiur are now in jail while the rest have been absconding

since the incident.

Golam, Jewel, Sujan and Motiur had earlier confessed to killing the security guards before the court under Section 164, the investigation officer said.

Four AL men hurt in gun attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Four Awami League activists, including a union parishad chairman, were injured in a gun attack following a feud over upcoming upazila polls in Sharsha on Monday night.

The injured are Kamal Hossain Bhuiyan, chairman of Laksmanpur union parishad, Asaduzzaman Shah of Dhannkhola village, Shohidul Islam of Bhoberber village in Sharsha upazila and Benapole port labourer Shahadat.

Mosharraf Hossain, officer in-charge of Benapole Port Police Station, said a gang attacked the AL activists with firearms, bombs and lethal weapons, leaving them injured while they were discussing the upcoming upazila elections with Bahadurpur UP chairman Mizanur Rahman in front of his house around 10:00pm.

Of them, Kamal, Asha and Shohidul were admitted to

Jessore Medical College Hospital while Shahadat to Sharsha Upazila Health Complex with bullet injuries.

Asha, supporter of UP chairman Kamal, blamed the followers of upazila chairman aspirant Abdul Manna Minnu for the attack.

Minnu and Sirajul Haque Monju, AL leaders, are contesting for the chairman post of Sharsha upazila. The other aspirant is BNP leader Khairuzzaman Madhu.

Rapist gets life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for violating a girl in 2006.

It also fined convict Johoruddin Khan of Meghismul village in Purbadholi upazila Tk 50,000. In default, he has to suffer another one year in prison.

Gas cylinder of bus explodes, 35 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Gaibandha

At least 35 passengers of a CNG-run night coach sustained burn injuries as a gas cylinder of the vehicle exploded near Brac office at Palashbari on Rangpur-Bogra highway on Monday.

Police and locals said as soon as a Comilla-bound Saikat Paribahan reached the area around 9:30pm, a gas cylinder at the bottom of chassis exploded with a big bang.

As the fire broke out in



PHOTO: STAR
Gas cylinder of this bus exploded near the Brac office on Rangpur-Dinajpur road in Palashbari upazila under Gaibandha district on Monday night, causing burn injuries to 35 passengers.

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P R I C E S E N S I T I V E I N F O R M A T I O N

This is to inform our valued Shareholders that the Board of Directors of Trust Bank Limited in its 216(02/2014) meeting held on 25 February 2014 commencing from 1900 hours 07.00 p.m.) has approved the audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2013 and took the following decisions:

i. Recommended Dividend	12% Stock (Bonus Share)
ii. Date & Time of the 15 AGM	Thursday, 22 May 2014, 11.00 a.m.
iii. Venue of the 15 AGM	Army Golf Club, Airport Road, Dhaka
iv. Record Date for entitlement	Tuesday, 08 April 2014
Taka (Solo)	Taka (Consolidated)

v. Net Assets Value (NAV) 6,865,781,113 7,200,207,448

vi. NAV Per Share 18.04 18.92

vii. Earnings Per Share (EPS) 0.85 0.85

viii. Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) (10.07) (7.91)

By order of the Board of Directors

Khaled Mahbub Moshed
Company Secretary

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Schoolboy murdered in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A schoolboy was killed in Ishwardi upazila on Monday night.

The deceased is Md Shah Rahim, 7, son of Joglu Shah of Mohadevpur village in Babubal upazila of Habiganj district on Monday, reports our correspondent.

District unit President Biman Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Police Station, said Md Russel, 25, son of Asadul of the village, forcibly picked up Rahim from their residence on Monday afternoon.

Russel then strangled the boy and dumped his body in a maize field at Mohadevpur village.

On information, police recovered the body from the field around 9:00pm and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Later, the law enforcers arrested Russel in connection with the incident, said

the OC.

However, the reason behind the killing could not be known immediately, he said.