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POST-POLLS VIOLENCE IN SHERPUR 2 killed as AL, JP men clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

Two supporters of two key candidates in Sherpur Sadar Upazila polls were killed in post-polls violence at Bhagalgar Purbapara village in Charpakhimari union yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Faruk Hossain, 32, son of Hanif Uddin and a supporter of Awami League-backed candidate Sanowar Hossain and Azer Uddin, 38, son of Mamtaz Ali and a supporter of Jatiya Party-backed candidate Ilias Uddin. Faruk's brother Sohel Mia was also injured in the incident.

Police said Faruk was a polling agent of Sanowar who swept the polls held on Thursday.

Locals said Faruk's father was going to a local market when Azer waylaid him at around 7:30am yesterday and asked who he voted for. An altercation then ensued between the duo and Azer beat him.

When Faruk and Sohel heard the news, they rushed to the spot and tried to save their father. Azer then stabbed both siblings, leaving Faruk dead on the spot and Sohel critically injured.

Sohel was immediately whisked off to Sherpur Sadar Hospital.

As the news spread the area, relatives of Faruk and locals caught Azer and gave him a good beating, before leaving him in a paddy field near Brahmaputra river.

Following information, Sherpur Sadar Police reached the spot and took Azer to Sherpur Sadar Hospital where the on duty doctor declared him dead.

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People queue up at the ticket counters of Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka yesterday to buy tickets home for their Eid holidays.

Advance train ticket sale begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The sale of advance train tickets ahead of Eid-ul-Azha began yesterday.

This correspondent visited Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital where many alleged that they did not get the tickets for the seats they had desired even after standing in long queues for hours.

"Although I have been standing in the queue since 6:00am for buying a ticket of a Chittagong-bound train, I failed to get the ticket for a seat in the AC compartment," said Majedul Islam, a student of a private university and resident of Bashundhara area.

He added that the tickets were sold out within a short time after the counter had started the ticket sale at 9:00am.

The railway authorities said tickets for the AC compartment seats and cabins were limited, leading to the crisis.

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Poor English teaching quality raises concern

Only 2 students qualify for DU English dept

DU CORRESPONDENT

Poor quality of teaching at the secondary and higher secondary levels has led to the disastrous English examination results in the Dhaka University's 'Kha' unit admission test, says Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury.

"Most of the students lack aptitude for learning English. All they care is about getting good marks," said the Prof Emeritus of DU adding the university admission test results reflected nothing but these typical student attitudes.

Of the total 40,565 examinees, 22,000 failed in English and only two students qualified to be enrolled in the university's English department for the 2014-15 session, according to university sources.

This time, the university had made it compulsory for the applicants to obtain at least 15 marks in 'Elective English', apart from getting the usual 20 marks in the general English, to be enrolled in the department.

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Britain joins US-led air campaign against ISIS

Labour MP Rushanara Ali resigns protesting decision; strikes choke jihadists' revenue vein

AGENCIES

British lawmakers yesterday voted overwhelmingly to join anti-jihadist air strikes in Iraq as US-led raids in Syria disrupted the so-called Islamic State group's lucrative oil-pumping operations.

The House of Commons voted by a majority of 524 to 43 after the main political parties all approved military action saying that "lessons from the past" of the 2003 Iraq war had been learned.

"This is not a threat on the far side of the world. Left unchecked, we will face a terrorist caliphate on the shores of the Mediterranean," Prime Minister David Cameron said ahead of the vote.

He warned the campaign could last for "years" as dissenting MPs in the debate questioned the duration and scope of the operation.



The debate has evoked memories of Britain's role in the deeply unpopular US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 under then Labour prime minister Tony Blair, which led to the death of 179 British personnel over six years.

Labour party MP and shadow minister for education Rushanara Ali resigned following the decision.

The Bangladeshi-born British MP said she had resigned from the front bench in order to abstain after the party leadership backed the government's proposal.

"I understand the case that has been made and will not be voting against the motion. But I am unable in conscience to support the motion," she wrote to Labour leader Ed Miliband.

Ali was elected in 2010 in the multi-ethnic constituency of Bethnal Green and

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Websites under new bug attacks

BBC ONLINE

A series of attacks on websites and servers using the serious Shellshock bug has been spotted.

Millions of servers use software vulnerable to the bug, which lets attackers run commands on that system.

So far, thousands of servers have been compromised via Shellshock and some have been used to bombard web firms with data, said experts.

The number of attacks and compromises was likely to grow as the code used to exploit the bug was shared.

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited

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Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:15	4:30
Maghrib	6:00	6:05
Esha	7:30	8:00

Source: Islamic Foundation



A barrel full of chemical exploded inside this lorry at Kadamtoli of the capital, ripping the vehicle apart and killing its driver yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

58 Jamaat, Shibir activists arrested

STAR REPORT

Police in separate drives rounded up 58 Jamaat-Shibir activists, 38 of them females, in Chittagong and Jhenidah districts yesterday.

In Chittagong, law enforcers arrested 18 Jamaat-Shibir men from different areas of Satkania and Lohagara upazilas early yesterday in connection with subversive activities at different times before the January 5 national election.

Sub-inspector Shamsul Alam of Satkania Police Station said police nabbed 10 Jamaat-Shibir men from Kanchana, Holdia and Chhadaha unions.

The arrestees stand accused in several cases over vandalism, arson attacks and attacking on-duty policemen, Shamsul added.

In another drive, police held eight Jamaat-Shibir activists from Putibila,

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CHEMICALS-LADEN COVERED VAN Explosion kills driver

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A driver of a covered van was killed and another injured as plastic drums filled with flammable chemicals exploded inside the vehicle near Matuail on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway yesterday.

The dead was Mohammad Swapan, 26 and the injured was identified as Mohammad Rony, 23, brother of the deceased.

"Some parts of the van flew and hit the two following the explosion, killing

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় অর্থমন্ত্রী জনাব আবুল মাল আব্দুল মুহিত দেশের উন্নয়নে কর প্রদানে উল্লেখযোগ্য অবদানের স্বীকৃতিস্বরূপ জজ ভূঞা গ্রুপের সম্মানিত চেয়ারম্যান ও ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক জনাব ইঞ্জিনিয়ার মোহাম্মদ ফায়জুর রহমান ভূঞা জুয়েলকে ২০১৩-২০১৪ করবর্ষে নরসিংদী জেলার সর্বোচ্চ আয়কর প্রদানকারী (১ম) হিসেবে পুরস্কৃত করেন। জনাব ইঞ্জিনিয়ার মোহাম্মদ ফায়জুর রহমান ভূঞা জুয়েল বাংলাদেশের একজন শীর্ষস্থানীয় ব্যবসায়ী এবং বস্ত্রশিল্প, শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য ও সেবামূলক প্রতিষ্ঠানে সক্রিয় থেকে সামাজিক উন্নয়নে ভূমিকা পালন করছেন।

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