Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh President Manzill Murshid yesterday filed a case with New Market Police Station against some unknown persons for running campaigns against the government by opening a Facebook account in the name of his organisation.

The unknown persons opened the account in the name of "Human rights & peace for Bangladesh" which is similar to his organisation "Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh", said the case statement.

Manzill requested police identify the responsible persons and to take legal action against them.

Kazi Farms Group accuses workers of extortion

Their leader denies allegation saying they only placed some demands including reinstatement of sacked colleagues STAFF CORRESPONDENT

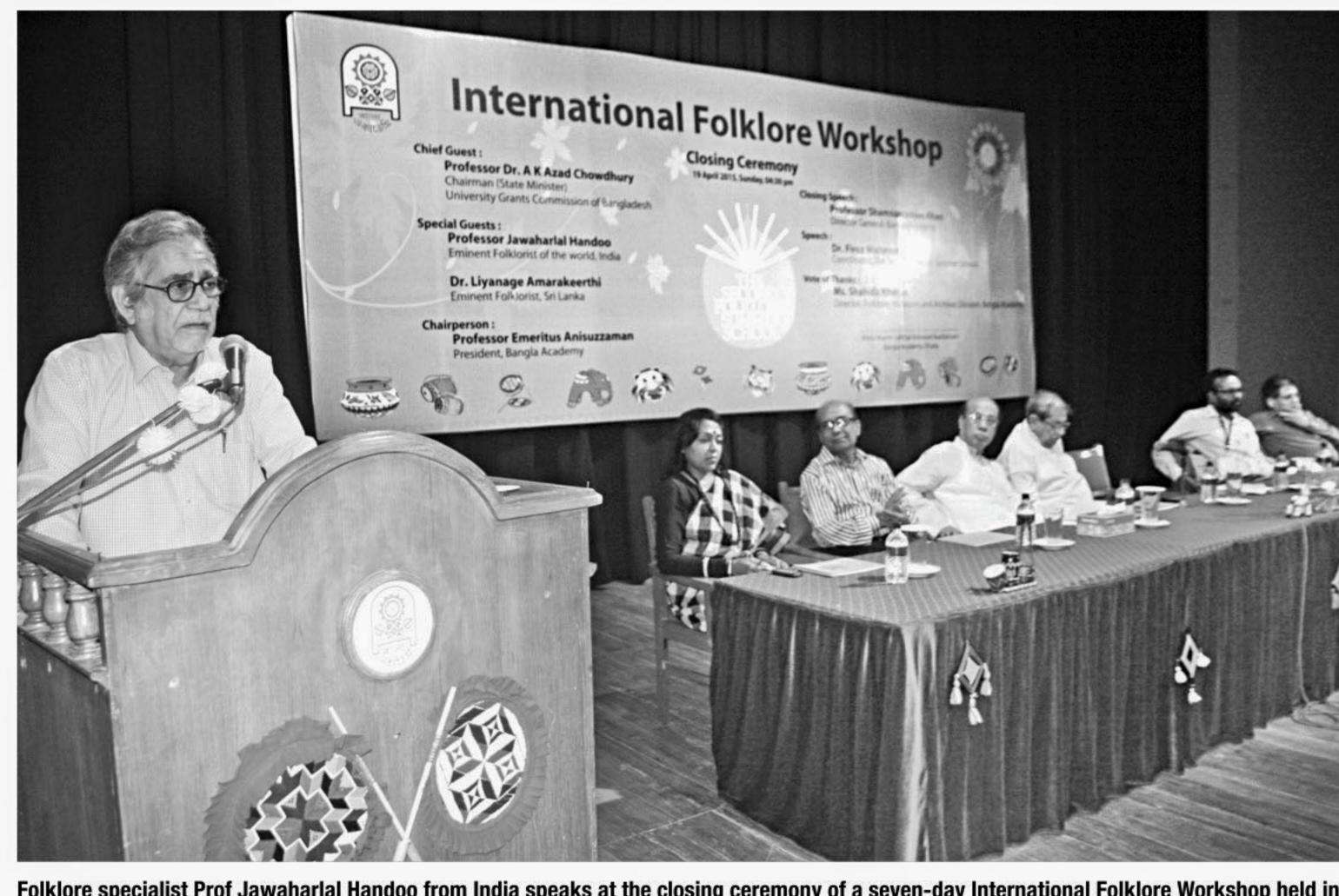
Kazi Farms Group at a pres conference alleged that workers under the banner of Sthaniya Sangram Committee had been agitating for their "unlawful demands" and "creating obstacles" to the business of its two factories in Thakurgaon.

Speaking at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, the group's Managing Director Kazi Zahedul Hasan also alleged that the agitators had locked up Kazi Hatchery in Habibpur and Salondor Feed Mill in Sadar upazila and its filling station for not meeting their "unlawful" demands.

The agitation started after 15-16 workers of Kazi Hatchery were suspended on grounds of bio security and another 10 were transferred to other farms of the group in other districts, according to a report of The Daily Star published on April 6. Zahedul alleged that the

agitators have been

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Folklore specialist Prof Jawaharlal Handoo from India speaks at the closing ceremony of a seven-day International Folklore Workshop held in the capital's Bangla Academy yesterday. The University Grants Commission should encourage all universities in Bangladesh to open folklore department because the subject teaches a combination of locality, internationality and secularism, he said. PHOTO: STAR

Marriage registration eradicates social curses in shoal areas

BSS, Rangpun

It was quite unthinkable even a decade ago that the extremely poor char (shoal) people living on the Brahmaputra basin could think about marriage registration or society without social curses like child marriage and dowry.

But now, the char dwellers have been avoiding child marriage, dowry and polygamy and arranging marriage of their sons and daughters with proper registration at right ages following growing social awareness among them. Besides, the char people, who were married some 10, 15

30 years back or even earlier, have now been registering their marriage. The success has been achieved following comprehensive motivational activities being conducted by different NGOs

as implementing organisations of the chars livelihood programme (CLP) since 2004 in the riverine char areas. According to sources, UKaid through the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Australian government through the Australian Agency for

International Development (AusAID) have been funding implementation of the CLP activities. The comprehensive CLP activities are aimed eradicate extreme poverty of the char families through income gener-

ation activities to improve their livelihoods, life standards and change socioeconomic conditions to lead better life. Livelihoods Coordinator of CLP Dr Mahbub Alam said the

multi-dimensional CLP activities were being implemented

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a2i to build technological platform for judiciary

BSS, Dhaka

To create a technological platform or plugin for the judiciary, Access to Information (a2i) Programme of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Judicial Strengthening Project (JUST) of the Supreme Court yesterday.

With this MoU, the a2i programme will build a system to help get any kind of judicial e-service. PMO Secretary Suraiya Begum at the event said the MoU can play a bridging role between technology and the judiciary.

Director of e-Service (a2i) Dr Md Abdul

Mannan in his presentation described how the MoU will enhance application of modern ICT tools for the judicial system, increase the use of e-technologies by judges and court staff, promote innovation in judicial service delivery and build a common approach for e-service in the judiciary. Project Director and Director General

(Admin) of PMO Kabir Bin Anwar, Supreme Court Registrar Syed Aminul Islam, UNDP Assistant Country Director KAM Morshed and a2i Policy Adviser Anir Chowdhury also spoke at the event held in the PMO.

Hasan Mahmud irks battery-run

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The racket prompted lawmaker Pankaj Debnath, general secretary of Awami Swechhasebak League, to leave without giving a speech.

"We were told that the chief guest will declare a date or give a decision from when we would be able to run our rickshaw. But without giving any date he cleverly sought votes," one driver of Halishahar, Harunur

Rashid, told The Daily Star.

Another driver, Mohammed Rafiq, said, "We joined the rally to run our rickshaws. We have not come here to listen to political statements or assurances in exchange of

Nurul Islam, general secretary of Jatiya Sramik League's Chittagong city unit, who presided over the rally, claimed that some pro-BNP men had misled the crowd.

7 get life term for murder in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday sentenced seven people to life term imprisonment for the murder of Advocate Giasuddin Masud, a lawyer of Pirojpur. The seven convicted are: Kamrul Islam Khan, Monirul

Islam Santu, Rezaul Talukdar, Alamin Shikdar Rony, Mizanur Rahman Jamaddar, Azizul Huq Khokan and Soharab Khan. They were also fined Tk 20,000 each, in default to suffer

one more year in prison. Among the accused, Kamrul, Monirul and Rezaul were present before the court while the others are on the run.

Judge of Speedy Trial Tribunal in Barisal Dilip Kumar Bhoumik also acquitted Sakhawat Hossain Tuhin, Nazmul Huq Murad and Morshed Jamaddar from the charge.

According to the verdict, Giasuddin was shot dead by the convicts on October 11, 2009 in Kachuakathi of Pirojpur.

Jhigatola- Hajaribagh residents

that the problem persisted even during the dry season due to poor drainage.

The unwanted situation arose four times in the last three

months, each time taking three to four days to recede, said Ahmed Hossain, who lives on Bashtola Road. In some roads, the problem is not overflowing sewage

but simply waterlogging after rains. "Due to poor drainage problem from Jhigatola to Gabtola Mosque, in Jhigatola Natun Rasta, and from

Dhanmondi 15 to Rayerbazar AC Club, residents have to wade through ankle-to-knee-deep water even after light showers," said another local, Moshiur Rahman. One resident, Mahfuzur Rahman, said they were

badly in need of a playground in Jhigatola, for children, youths and even elderly people did not have any place to play or exercise. The environment at two fields, one near Beribadh and

another near Hajaribagh Police Station, is not up to the mark, said locals. "Due to the absence of proper drainage, we are plagued with mosquito bites during the dry season as

the city corporation, the authority to control the mosquito menace, remains idle," said Jhigatola Natun Rasta resident Anowar Hossain.

Repetition of Jan 5 scenario

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M Manjur Alam and accompanied by pro-BNP lawyers, he went around distributing handbills in Reazuddin Bazar area in the port city. Meanwhile, BNP Vice-President Abdullah Al Noman

said fearful that Manjur's popularity cannot be "held back" if the army was deployed during the polls, lawmakers and ministers from the ruling party's were opposing it. The convener of Manju's campaign committee accompa-

nied Manjur in addressing street rallies in Katalganj, Kapasgola, Shulakbahar, Mirjapool, Sugandha residential and Nasirabad Housing Society areas. Terming every ballot the language of protest, he said

through a silent ballot revolution, the reply to oppression would be given.

He claimed that Manjur had sought Tk 1,000 crore to create a canal from Baroipara to Karnaphuli but was allotted a small amount "only at the last moment" for which work to reduce waterlogging could not be complete.

Manjur assured working as a servant of the people and turning the city corporation into a place of trust.

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Most mayoral candidates skip

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Solaiman said he had "other engagements" while Nasir and Manjur could not reached over their cellphone for However, the five participants -- MA Matin, Md Wazed

Hossain Bhuiyan, Hossain Md Mujibul Haque, Syed

Shamsuzoha and Gazi Md Allauddin -- proposed plans and

promised to keep the city clean and free from waterlogging and removing mismanagement at the city corporation. The committee city unit President Delwar Majumder, who presided over the meeting, questioned how the contestants would keep contact with people after the polls if

they already felt disinterested. SHUJAN Chittagong district Secretary Akhter Kabir Chowdhury said they had invited the participants at least 10 times. "But we do not know why they could not take part," he said.

SHUJAN Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar said deprived of their rights, citizens think the city corporation was not running the way it should.

Citizens should play an effective role verifying the candidates by getting to know their details, he said.

Kalyanpur slum dwellers

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top of the problems list of residents," he said, adding that if voted to power, he would take short and long-term plans to annihilate mosquitoes.

Arriving at Mirpur Bangla College at around 11:18am with his family, Annisul accompanied by several hundred people marched towards the slum. Annisul's supporters and the mayoral candidate himself

distributed leaflets among pedestrians and commuters. Responding to a query, Annisul asserted that he would be able to turn Dhaka into green city with Tk 117 crore. At one point, he was welcomed by local lawmaker

Aslamul Haque. At Kalyanpur slum, dwellers there pointed out their problems to the mayor aspirant. "I am asking you to cast your vote for who you think is credible," he said urging the voters not to pay heed to politi-

Protests intensifying on campus

cal affiliation.

minister seeking their intervention.

Over 300 teachers under the banner "Progressive Teachers Society" brought out a silent procession, joined a rally around 11:00am and initiated a signature campaign.

Some 300 teachers and students of social work department formed a human chain on Paris Road at 11:30am. Simultaneously, another 350 of sociology department brought out a silent procession.

Furthermore, about 200 of folklore department formed a

human chain around noon, declaring the duo "persona

non grata" on the campus. **RU STATEMENT**

The RU authorities refuted Dablu's 14 allegations over how the VC had favoured BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir in recruiting 12 staff, ignoring quality candidates from the pro-AL BCL.

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