



Awami League's mayoral candidate Tahmina Akhter, and right, Solaiman Ali Sarcar, 'rebel' candidate of the party, approach voters in different areas of Thakurgaon town yesterday, the last day of campaign before the municipality election to be held tomorrow.



PHOTO: STAR

# Man fleeing police drowns in river in Jhalakathi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

The body of a man was recovered from the Sugandha River in Jhalakathi Sadar upazila yesterday morning, said Jashim Uddin, sub-inspector (SI) of Jhalakathi Sadar Police Station.

The deceased was identified as Sumon, 30, son of Sikandar Ali of Bansh Potti in the upazila.

Sumon had been missing since he was chased by police on Sunday evening, said Jamal Hossain, elder brother of Sumon, adding that there was no case against Sumon with Jhalakathi Police Station.

"Sumon ran away when he was called by the SI on Sunday at around 5:30pm at Tarkari Potti and the officer followed him," said Kabir, a neighbour of the victim.

"When Sumon reached the bank of the Sugandha the SI caught him from behind and kicked him into the river. Smuon didn't know how to swim," said Kabir.

"Being informed, Sumon's family members went to the spot and found nothing, but they were certain that he had fallen into the river," said Jamal.

The body was handed over to family members after autopsy at Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital.

"A case was filed against Sumon under the Pornography Act on Sunday afternoon by a retired school teacher and I was the investigation officer of the case," said SI Jashim.

"I was going to my home in the afternoon and saw Sumon, but he fled when I ran after him to arrest him, but I did not follow him to the river bank," he added. "I do not know anything else," he said.

"Sumon was an accused in a case and he dived into the river when police tried to arrest him," said Md Mahe Alam, officer-in-charge of Jhalakathi Police Station, adding that they would look into the death to see if there was any other cause.

## REBEL CANDIDATES, INTRA-PARTY FEUD

# AL faces tough contest in 3 Thakurgaon municipalities

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Contest by 'rebels' and intra-party feud put the Awami League (AL) nominated mayoral candidates in Thakurgaon, Pirganj and Ranishankoil municipalities of the district under tough challenge as BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami filed single candidates there for tomorrow's mayoral election.

In Thakurgaon, Awami League-backed candidate is Tahmina Akhter, convener of Jubo Mohila League of the district unit, while former mayor of the municipality and also former president of Thakurgaon upazila unit of AL Solaiman Ali Sarcar is in the race as independent candidate.

The contestant from BNP is Mirza Foisol Amin, senior vice-president of the district unit of the party, also younger brother of BNP's acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir.

Several prominent AL leaders in the district are not working cordially in favour of the party nominee,

party insiders said.

Seeking anonymity, several local party leaders said Tahmina Akhter was nominated against their choice and so, they are virtually inactive in the campaign for her.

Besides, AL's rebel candidate Solaiman Ali Sarcar seems to be in an advantageous position at Islamnagar, known as stronghold of AL in the municipality.

The situation apparently leads BNP candidate to a suitable position.

However, General Secretary of district Awami League Sadek Kuraishi claimed that local leaders and activists are working in favour of the party candidates.

Another independent candidate in Thakurgaon municipal polls is Mahfuzul Islam.

In Pirganj, Kosirul Islam from Awami League, Md Raziur Rahman from BNP, Golam Hossain from Jatiya Party and Alamgir Kabir as independent candidate are contesting in the mayoral election.

Two rival factions are active in

Pirganj upazila AL politics -- one led by acting president of AL's upazila unit AL Ekramul Haque and the other led by its joint secretary Kosirul Islam.

As Kosirul Islam got party nomination, his rival Ekramul's men are virtually inactive in the election campaign which helps BNP candidate in the race.

In Ranishankoil, Alamgir Sarcar from AL, Mokaram Hossain from Jamaat, Samsul Arefin from Jatiya Party and Enamul Haque from Nagorik Oikya are in the mayoral race.

Alamgir is popular among the younger generation but senior leaders of two factions in local Awami League politics, one led by lawmaker Selina Jahan Lita and the other led by upazila unit President of AL Soidul Haque are hardly playing any role to see the party candidate winner, said several local leaders of Jubo League and Chhatra League.

As many as 52,918 voters in Thakurgaon municipality are

expected to exercise their right to franchise through 21 polling centres while the number of voters in Pirganj and Ranishankoil municipalities is 18,053 and 11,408 respectively.

The two municipalities have nine polling centres each.

In Thakurgaon municipality, four candidates will vie for the mayoral post, 52 for councillor posts and 16 for the posts of councillors reserved for women in the December 30 polls.

Nur Islam was elected councillor without contest from ward No 11.

In Pirganj, four persons will vie for the mayoral post, 40 for councillor posts and 10 for the posts of councillors reserved for women.

In Ranishankoil, four candidates will vie for the mayoral post, 32 for councillor posts and 11 for the posts of councillors reserved for women.

District Election Officer Shukur Mahmud Mia said they are taking necessary measures to ensure a free, fair and credible election in the three municipalities.

## JAMALPUR MUNICIPAL POLLS

# BNP mayor aspirant alleges harassment, fears vote rigging

ABM AMINUL ISLAM, Jamalpur

BNP-backed mayoral candidate Shah Md Wares Ali Mamun, also the incumbent mayor of Jamalpur municipality, at a press conference yesterday expressed deep concern over holding of a free, fair and neutral election, slated for tomorrow.

"Supporters of Awami League's mayor aspirant Mirza Shakhawatul Alam Moni are attacking my supporters. They vandalised seven of my election campaign offices in five days," Mamun said at the conference held at the party office in the town.

"A false case was also filed against 106 BNP leaders six days ahead of the polls. AL men are making attempts for rigging votes in at least 16 of the 42 polling centres by intimidating the voters not to go to the polling centres on the election day," he said.

Meanwhile, 39 polling centres out of 42 in Jamalpur municipality have been listed as vulnerable, said sources at the local office of the Election Commission.

"On December 27, I wrote to the returning officer, saying that 16 of the polling centres are most vulnerable ones and there Awami League men might forcibly oust polling agents to rig votes in favour of their candidate Mirza Moni. We have requested the officer to take measures to hold free and fair polls in the municipality," Mamun said at the press conference.

The 16 'most vulnerable' centres are at Pathalia Taj, Goabari, Pathalia, Kompapur, Bania Bazar, Jangolpara, Railway and Masimpur government primary schools, Iqbalpur Girls' High School, Singhajani High School, Singhajani Girls' High

School, Bania Bazar High School, Shekherbhita Madrasa, Technical School and College, Jamalpur Government Girls' High School and Zila School.

Seeking anonymity, a number of voters of different wards under the municipality have expressed deep concern over holding of a fair election as they witnessed vote rigging by the ruling party men in the last upazila elections in the district.

Contacted, Jamalpur Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Rasel Sabrin, also the returning officer, said the local office of the Election Commission and the district administration will take adequate measures including deployment of police, BGB members and mobile teams led by executive magistrates to tackle any unwanted situation in the polling centres.

## UP chairman accused of selling VGD rice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Local administration on Sunday evening sealed warehouse of the chairman of Fazlupur Union Parishad in Fulchhari upazila of the district following allegation of misappropriating rice meant for Vulnerable Group Development (VGD)

Earlier on the day, it was scheduled to distribute 30 kilograms of rice under VGD programme among 316 ultra poor card holders of the union.

Habibur Rahman, chairman of the upazila parishad, was present there for inauguration of rice distribution but prior to distribution, shortage of rice was noticed in the stock.

Being suspicious, the upazila chairman asked Akram Hossain, upazila social welfare officer to verify the stock and the latter found 7,030 kg against the original stock of 9,480 kg of rice in the warehouse.

Habibur Rahman alleged that UP chairman Joyanal Abedin Jalal earlier sold out 2,018 kg of rice in the black market.

On information, UNO (in-charge) Shafiqul Alam Bhuiyan rushed to the spot and sealed the warehouse of Jalal, said the social welfare officer.

Despite repeated calls, this correspondent could not reach the UP chairman Jalal for his comment on the issue as his cellphone remained switched off.

## Illegal fishing nets seized, two fined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized illegal fishing nets from Parerhat Bazar under Zianagar upazila of the district on Sunday.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-8 of Barisal raided the bazaar at around 3:00pm and found illegal fishing nets in two shops.

They seized a large quantity of illegal fishing nets from the shops and

arrested shop owners Narottom Kundu and Pintu Bhoumik on charge of selling illegal fishing nets. They later burned the nets at the bazar.

The elite force also sealed a fishing net shop of one Uttam Bol as he was not present during the raid.

In the evening, Narottam and Pintu were produced before a mobile court led by Zianagar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mridha Mujahidul Islam, who fined them Tk 5,000 each.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Jahurul Islam Medical College and Hospital in Kishoreganj district organised a medical camp at Nikli GC Pilot High School in the district recently. Around 600 patients received free treatment during the daylong programme.

## BNP won't quit polls

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The ruling Awami League, however, is skeptical about BNP's participation in the polls. It urged its main archrival not to boycott the polls.

"We still have doubts whether BNP will be in the race.... She [Khaleda] is already making controversial statements over the polls," said AL general secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam at a press conference at the party president's Dhanmondi office in the capital yesterday.

"The BNP boycotted polls at the last moment in the past," he said, referring to the city corporation polls in Narayanganj, Dhaka and Chittagong.

Tomorrow's municipality elections will be held in a free and neutral manner, he added.

At a media conference at her Gulshan office yesterday, Khaleda urged people to resist in a peaceful manner the ruling party's conspiracy to influence the municipal elections.

On the deployment of army, she said, "The deployment of army personnel has now become necessary as our administration and law enforcement agencies cannot work independently due to interference of the ruling party."

Accusing the Awami League of conspiring to rig the elections, the BNP chief urged people to go to the polling stations in groups and protect their right to voting.

"I call upon the country's people to ensure victory of our candidates by casting votes in favour of the sheaf of paddy to restore your rights and democracy," she said reading out a written statement.

"We'll be there in the election battle firmly and till the last moment. People's united strength can foil any evil motive of the autocratic ruler."

Khaleda also alleged the Election Commission was not sincere in creating a level-playing field for all candidates.

Pointing to a minister's comment that BNP's defeat had already been ensured in the municipality polls, Khaleda said, "It's been clearly manifested that the government is heading for a farcical polls."

In her 30-minute speech, she also spoke of the country's law and order situation.

She, however, did not take any question from journalists.

She claimed her party could not broadcast an advertisement for the municipality polls due to government's intervention.

Ruling party ministers and MPs were violating election code of conducts while terrorists were brandishing arms in the election areas to terrorise voters.

"But no action has been taken against them. The EC occasionally issues some show-cause notices as mere eyewash."

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### "জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

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