

# Prothom Alo journalist acquitted in extortion case

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali**

A Patuakhali court yesterday acquitted Md Mizanur Rahman, Baufal correspondent of Prothom Alo, a Bangla newspaper, in an extortion case filed by an Awami League leader. Joint District and Sessions Judge Nusrat Jahan declared the judgment after examining all records and witnesses in the case.

Mizanur Rahman was acquitted in two more cases as the allegations were found to be false. Police submitted final report to the court in another case. Mizanur's lawyer Advocate Md Lutfar Rahman Khokon said.

Advocate Md Lutfar Rahman Khokon and court sources said Md Alam Sikder, organising secretary of Chandradwip union unit of Awami League (AL) filed an extortion case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Patuakhali on December 17, 2014, accusing Md Mizanur Rahman.

Sarmin Sultana, wife of Mizanur, said a section of local AL leaders are harassing Mizanur by filing false cases as he published reports in his paper about corruption by local AL leaders and Noresh Chandra Karmaker, the then OC of Baufal Police Station.

Mother of Mizanur, Jahanara Begum, said, "Police tortured my son and sent him to jail illegally." "I am also facing a false case of attacking police," said Mizanur Rahman.

# Phensidyl seized

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal**

A team of Detective Branch of police yesterday recovered 810 bottles of phensidyl and arrested one Shahe Alam from a rented house at Gora Chand Das Road in the city.



Three farmers show damaged seedlings from their field at Charmarshon in Rangabali upazila under Patuakhali district.

# Rain spoils aman seedbeds in 3 coastal districts

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Heavy rain damaged aman seedbeds on 1200 hectares of land in three coastal districts Patuakhali, Barguna and Pirojpur.

Our Patuakhali correspondent reported that continuous rainfall destroyed seedbeds on nearly 1000 hectares of land in different upazilas of Patuakhali and Barguna districts.

Farmers in the area are getting frustrated as Aman is the main crop in these areas. Mahfuzur Rahman, upazila agriculture officer in Rangabali of Patuakhali, said Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) set a target to cultivate aman paddy on 36,000 hectares of land and prepared seedbeds on 500 hectares this year. Of the land, seedbeds on 100

hectares are totally rotten. He also suggested the farmers to prepare new seedbeds for the purpose. In the beginning of the season farmers prepared seedbeds but the seedlings got affected due to heavy rainfall for the last two weeks. In Barguna district, about 500 hectares of aman seedbeds in 42 villages under Amtali and Taltali upazilas were spoiled due to water logging caused by the incessant rainfall. Rustam Ali, a farmer of Godanga village in Amtali upazila said he prepared seedbeds on 50 decimals of land but all his saplings were ruined as it is under knee deep water for the last two weeks.

Nizam Uddin of Chaulapara village in Taltali upazila said it will be difficult for the farmers to prepare new seedbeds in a short time.

Away in Pirojpur, aman saplings on about 200 hectares of land in different upazilas of the district were damaged as rain water inundated seedbeds. Upazila agriculture office sources said to recover the losses, a number of farmers have started to prepare new seedbeds.

Nirmal Kanti, a farmer of Sikdermali village in Sadar upazila, said he will have to prepare seedbeds again as all his saplings have already been damaged due to excessive rain and tidal water.

DAE set a target to cultivate aman on 65,200 hectares of land and prepared seedbeds of 4,900 hectares of land. Abul Hossain Talukder, deputy director of DAE in Pirojpur, said they have suggested the farmers to use fertilizer to save their damaged saplings from rotting.

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# BARAPUKURIA COALMINE Sale halted after unusual purchase for 2 days

## Brickfield operators allege huge amount of coal went to a syndicate

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur**

Authorities of Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd (BCMCL) temporarily suspended sale of coal from Wednesday after 60,000 tonnes were sold within 48 hours (Monday and Tuesday) following a rumour of a rise in the price of coal.

The mine sells around 4,000 tonnes of coal every day, which has gone up to 30,000 tonnes in the last two days.

Mine authorities informed the coal buyers about the suspension through a notice issued yesterday.

Brickfield operators, who mostly use coal as their primary fuel for baking bricks, alleged on Wednesday that they have to buy the coal from middlemen by paying higher price.

"All the coal goes to the local syndicated group," said Ashraf Alam, a brickfield operator in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat. He said

the decision of suspension was taken when the brickfield operators are preparing for the next season.

Hearing about the sudden rise in the sale of coal, hundreds of brickfield operators of Dinajpur and surrounding districts gathered at the coalmine area in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur to buy coal for the coming season.

Many said they could not get inside the mine complex as security was tightened at the entrance gate.

They alleged that Ibrahim Khalil and Moshir Rahman of the mine area stocked 3,500 tonnes of coal each.

Md Aminuzzaman, managing director of BCMCL, said they later imposed a restriction that each applicant would get 200 tonnes of coal, which was later reduced to 100 tonnes.

Besides, production at Barapukuria remained suspended for one month for

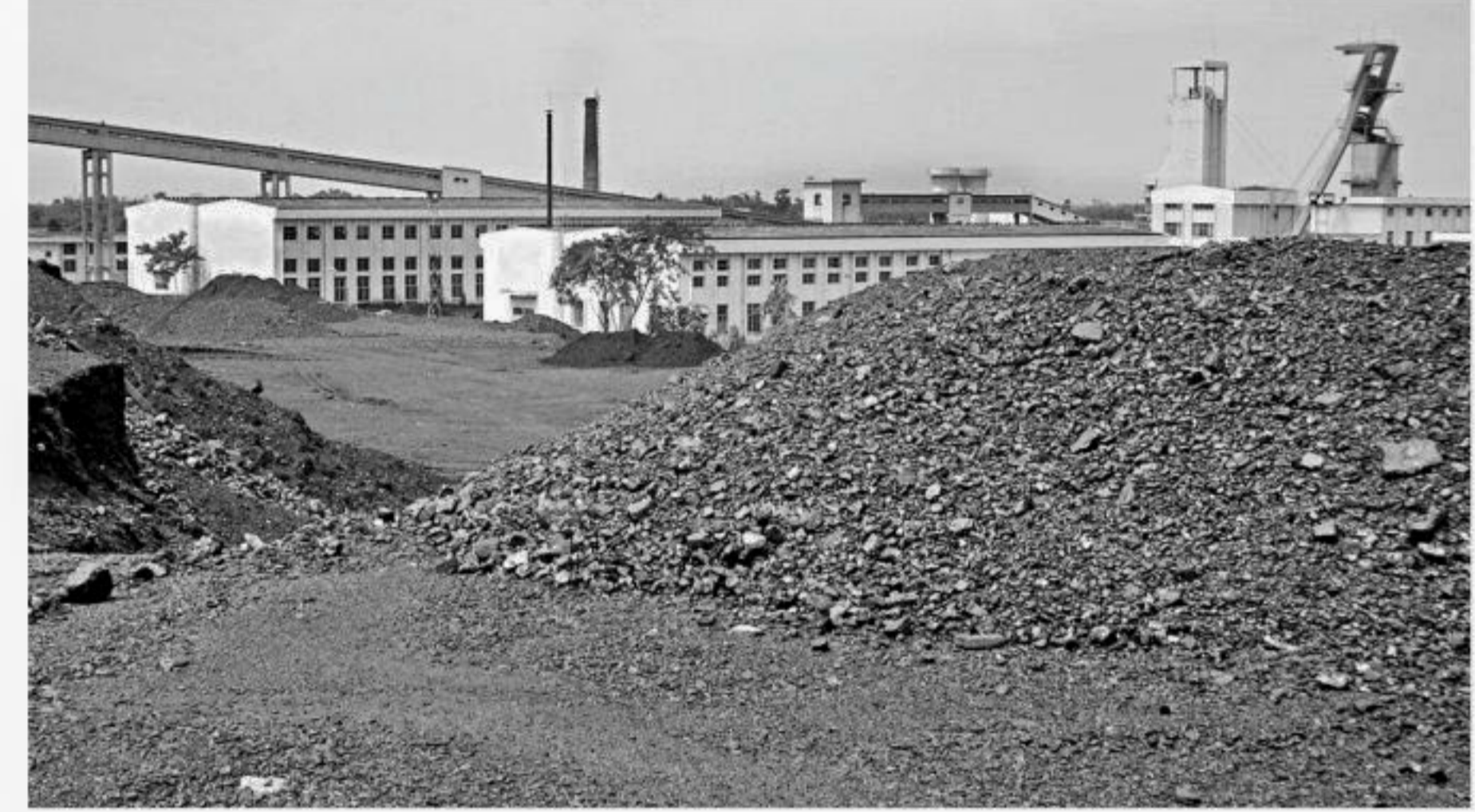
scheduled maintenance and mine development, and may resume from July 24, he added.

The authorities cut the price of coal by Tk 5,680 to Tk 8,000 per tonne on May 22 to increase sale as stock continued rising because traders preferred cheap imported coal. Sale started dropping last year when the mine authorities raised coal price to Tk 13,680 from Tk 9,200 per tonne.

Coal imported from countries like Indonesia and Malaysia is available at Tk 6,000 to Tk 7,000, but the heating value of local coal is much higher than that of imported coal.

There was nearly 3,32,000 tonnes of coal at the coalyard in May. Of them, power plants consumed 92,000 tonnes, and 1,80,000 tonnes were sold between May 22 and July 12.

"We now have 60,000 metric tonnes of coal reserved for coal fired power plants," the MD said.



Coal stacked on the premises of Barapukuria coal mine in Parbatipur upazila under Dinajpur district.

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Hindu devotees take part in traditional religious festival Ulto Rathjatra (return journey of chariot) of Sri Sri Jagannathdeb in Manikganj yesterday.

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# Child marriage bid foiled

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi**

A teenage girl was saved from early marriage at Parampasha under Nalchity upazila of the district on Wednesday night.

The girl, Nargis Akhtar (13), daughter of Md Rafiqul Islam of Parampasha, is a Class X student of Nandi Kathi High School in the upazila.

Nargis was going to be married with Rasel, son of Sekender Ali of Anurag under the upazila, said Sub-inspector Jakir Hossen of Nalchity Police Station.

Informed, a mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Masuma Akhtar, went to the spot and foiled the marriage.

The court detained four people, including the marriage registrar Abul Bashar and the bridegroom, and fined them Tk 1,000 each.

# NAOGAON 2 Jamaat men held with bombs, jihadi books

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur**

Two Rokon members of Jamaat-e-Islami were arrested with crude bombs and books on jihad in Raninagar upazila of Naogaon, one Shibir man was arrested in Joypurhat, and five Shibir activists of Dinajpur were taken on seven days' remand on Wednesday.

The two Rokon members are Md Sharifuddin, 45, of Balubhora village, and Abdul Kahar of Morupara village under Raninagar upazila of Naogaon.

Abdul Latif, officer-in-charge (OC) of Raninagar Upazila Police Station, said a police team raided Sharifuddin's residence on Wednesday night and arrested them from a meeting there.

The other members managed to flee, the OC said. Police seized three crude bombs and

books on jihad from their possession.

In Kalai upazila of Joypurhat, police arrested a Shibir man on Wednesday.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided Nandaidighi village under Kalai upazila of Joypurhat and arrested Mushfiqur Rahman with books and leaflets on jihad.

In Dinajpur, police arrested, Amanullah Sarker, 25, president of Dinajpur district unit of Shibir, Biplob Hossain, 22, organising secretary, Hamidur Rahman, 24, president of Birganj upazila unit of Shibir, and activists Tareque Abedin, 19, and Al Amin, 20, from Leburmor of Dinajpur town on Monday.

Judge SM Ahsanul Haque of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court granted seven days' remand for each of them on Wednesday.

Police said they planned to carry out secret attacks in Dinajpur town.

# Two 'robbers' killed in gunfight with rivals

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar**

Police recovered bodies of two suspected robbers reportedly killed in a gun battle with their rivals at Sadar union of Teknaf upazila under the district early yesterday.

Jibon Ara Begum, a local woman later identified one of the deceased as her elder brother named Sorwar Alam, 35, whose body was kept at the district Sadar hospital morgue.

Alam hailed from Moheshkhali Upazila, Cox's Bazar and was the main accused in the murder case of his uncle Abdul Gafur, member of Kutubjom Union Parishad, also president of the union Awami League unit. Gafur was

killed on July 3. The other deceased is Mohammad Ilias, who is also accused in AL leader Gafur murder case, said Mosharraf Hossain Khokon, chairman of Kutubjom Union Parishad.

Hearing that two groups of robber were fighting, police rushed to the No 14 Bridge area of Teknaf around 1:00am, said Abdul Majid, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station.

After reaching the spot, police recovered the two bodies from the roadside and later sent the bodies to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital for autopsy, he said.

Police recovered two guns and three bullets from the spot.

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