

UPAZILA PARISHAD ELECTION

# BNP's Faridpur UZ unit dissolved

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

BNP's Pabna district unit on Friday formed a convening committee for its Faridpur upazila unit, dissolving its existing committee.

The decision came at a time when two senior leaders of the upazila, defying the party's decision, decided to take part in the upazila parishad election to be held tomorrow.

Johurul Islam, office secretary of Pabna district unit of BNP, said, "BNP centrally boycotted the upazila election and all the party leaders were strictly directed not to participate in it. But a few BNP leaders joined upazila parishad polls."

Since those BNP leaders violated the decision made by the party and demeaned party discipline, "the previous committee has been dissolved and a new convening committee formed to strengthen BNP," he added.

Johurul Islam Bokul was president and Abul Hossain was secretary of the dissolved BNP committee in Faridpur upazila.

The new convening committee, formed on March 15, consists of 31 members, including Abul Hossain as convener and Ruhul Amin and Sabiha Sarmin joint conveners, he said.

The convening committee will form a fresh regular committee through a council meeting within three months, said a press release issued by Pabna district BNP President Abdus Samad Khan Montu and Secretary Habibur Rahman Tota.

Johurul Islam Bokul, president of the dissolved committee, is contesting Faridpur upazila parishad election for the chairman post while its vice president Nasrin Parvin Mukti is running for vice chairman post in the election, being supported by a number of BNP leaders and activists.

On February 28 and March 12, Pabna district BNP expelled five senior leaders of Faridpur upazila unit from the party for their roles detrimental to party policies. They are Johurul Islam Bokul (president), Nasrin Parvin Mukti (vice president), Masud Rana Liton (joint secretary), Ziaur Rahman (organising secretary) and Samsul Alam (publicity secretary).

Declining to comment on his expulsion, Bokul said, "I am taking part in the election as per people's demand."



A maize field in Ramganj village under Sadar upazila of Nilphamari. Maize is being cultivated in a larger scale in Rangpur region in recent years due to shorter winter and higher profit margins. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: EAM ASADUZZAMAN

# Two girls saved from early marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Two schoolgirls were saved from early marriage in Sirajganj Sadar upazila on Friday.

Locals said seventh-grader Beauty Khatun, 14, daughter of Nurul Islam of Shaluvita village, was set to be married with Enamul Haque, 22, son of Abdur Razzak of Alokdiar village, on Friday night.

Tipped off, a mobile court led by Assistant Commissioner (Land) Anisur Rahman went to the village and foiled the marriage.

The court also fined the girl's father Nurul and bridegroom Enamul Tk 5,000 each for arranging the marriage.

The court foiled marriage of ninth-grader Bithi Khatun, 15, daughter of Abdur Razzak of Ratanandi village, the same night.

The girl was set to be married with Jahid Hasan, 23, son of Abdul Mannan of Mohishmura village.

The court also realised Tk 20,000 from bride's father Razzak and bridegroom's grandfather Abdul Khaleque, the official said.

# Wheat farming losing out to maize

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

With maize cultivation growing more popular each year, wheat cultivation in Rangpur agriculture region is seeing a significant decline.

The alarming trend of farming maize, primarily used to make animal feed, on larger areas in the region might result in reduction of wheat production and thus undermine food security for the country's population, according to agronomists.

Shorter winter and higher cost of cultivation against poor yield are main reasons behind the dwindling popularity of wheat as a crop of choice among farmers in the region comprised of five districts -- Rangpur, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat.

On the contrary, early arrival of warm weather, a favourable condition for maize farming, along with higher yield and lower production cost are helping farmers choose maize over wheat.

Sirajul Islam, additional deputy director (ADD) of

Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Nilphamari, said cold weather is needed for bumper harvest of wheat. But due to consecutive shorter winters over past few years, wheat production has been on the decline.

This situation is making farmers lose interest in wheat cultivation, he added.

Mazedul Islam, Sadar upazila agriculture officer in Nilphamari, said the farmers prefer maize as they reap a harvest of approximately 80 maunds of maize at a cost of Tk 18 thousand from each acre of land, as opposed to only 26 maunds of wheat, costing Tk 15 thousand, from the same area of land.

Mohammad Rafiq, sub assistant agriculture officer of DAE for Rangpur region, said against targeted wheat cultivation on 24 thousand hectares, farmers this year cultivated wheat on only 20 thousand hectares of land.

"Gradual fall in area of wheat cultivation is evident. It was cultivated on 26.7 thousand hectares in 2017; 21.7 thousand hectares in 2018 and 20 thousand hectares in 2019," he said.

Maize cultivation, in contrast, has been increasing year by year. It reached to 94 thousand hectares this year, while it was 83 thousand and 76.5 thousand hectares in 2018 and 2017, he added.

Farmer Abdul Gaffar of Balagram village in Jaldhaka upazila of Nilphamari, said he had cultivated maize and wheat on two acres of land each.

After harvest, he earned Tk 1 lakh at Tk 16 per kg of maize and Tk 52 thousand at Tk 25 for each kg of wheat.

"So, I curtailed wheat [cultivation] area to one acre and increased maize to three acres this year," he said.

Hatem Ali, another farmer of Harialkuthi village in Taraganj upazila of Rangpur, said he cultivated maize on 20 acres of land as most other crops are not as profitable as maize.

Deputy Director of DAE for Rangpur region Md Moniruzzaman said, "Wheat cultivation is falling, which is alarming. But scientists at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) are working on to develop a heat-tolerant and high-yielding wheat variety."



PHOTO: MOSTAFA SABUJ

CALLOUS WASTAGE, WHO CARES? Water continues to gush out after a pipeline meant for supplying water to townspeople got damaged allegedly during felling of a roadside tree at Nishindhara (Soilarpara) in Bogura municipality twelve days ago. The photo was taken yesterday.

# KILLING OF JASHIM Parents, brother held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police on Friday arrested the parents and brother of slain Jasim Uddin in connection with the case for the Friday's murder in Bhaluka upazila of the district.

The arrestees are Jasim's father Sultan Mia, mother Sufia Khatun and younger brother Alamgir Hossain, said Bhaluka Model Police Station OC Firoz Talukder.

Earlier, police recovered Jasim's body from Urahati village on Thursday.

Police produced the arrestees before a court in Mymensingh yesterday, seeking a seven-day remand for Sultan and Alamgir.

After hearing, the court sent them to jail, rejecting the remand prayer.

# AL nominees face 16 rebel candidates in 7 Pabna UZs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The ruling Awami League nominated upazila parishad chairman candidates in seven upazilas of the district are facing 16 intra-party 'rebel' contestants in the upazila parishad elections slated for tomorrow.

AL leaders and activists are divided in the election campaign amid the presence of quite a few rebel candidates.

"Awami League central committee has selected me as the candidate for Atghoria upazila parishad chairman post. But I did not get many of my party men in campaign," said Md Mobarak Hossain Panna, the upazila unit AL publicity secretary.

He faces two rebel candidates -- former upazila parishad chairman Md Isharat Ali and Md Tanvir Islam, son of the upazila unit AL secretary.

In Chatmohar upazila, AL nominee Sakhawat Hossain, also the upazila AL president, faces strong opposition from district AL Vice President Abdul Hamid Master, municipality AL Secretary Mirza Abu Hayat Mohammed Kamal and local AL leader Abdul Alim.

In Vangura upazila, AL nominee Md Baki Billah has to fight against four party rebels -- Mezbahur Rahman Rose, Amir Hossain Amir, Md Monsur Rahman and Md Mostafizur Rahman.

Faridpur Upazila Parishad Chairman Md Khalilur Rahman is in the election race against two strong opponents -- one from his party and another from BNP.

"I am contesting the election in response to the demand of local people," said chairman candidate Md Johurul Islam Bokul, who was expelled from BNP for contesting the polls defying party decision.

AL's candidate Md Nuruzzaman Bishwas of Ishwardi upazila is in a tough situation as his key rival candidate Mokhlesur Rahman Mintu, secretary of upazila unit AL, gets support from a large section of local party activists.

AL nominees in Santhia and Sujanagar upazilas are also facing party rebels.

The ruling party nominated chairman candidates are set to win uncontested in Pabna Sadar and Sujanagar upazila parishads as there is no other contestants.

# Kid, woman murdered

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Two people, including a primary schoolboy, were found murdered in Joypurhat and Pabna yesterday and on Friday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reported that unidentified criminals murdered a 10-year-old boy in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat on Friday.

The victim, Abdur Rahman, son of Rezaul Islam of Dhuroil village, was a Class IV student at Dhuroil Government Primary School.

Quoting the deceased's family members, Officer in Charge (OC) of Panchbibi Police Station Bazlar Rahman said Rahman went out of his house with his father's bicycle on Friday afternoon.

As the minor boy did not return home till evening, family members started searching him and found the bicycle abandoned under a tree at Briddhi village, OC Bazlar said, adding that they later found Rahman's throat-slit body in a local schoolhouse.

Police sent the body to Joypurhat Modern Hospital for autopsy, he said.

Away in Pabna, a woman was found murdered in her rented apartment in Sutapatti area in the town yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Police recovered the body of Bithi Akter Saju, 40, and sent it to Pabna Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Police said slain Bithi, who got separated with her husband about 10 to 12 years ago, had been living there with her son for the last couple of months.

Quoting locals, police said Julfikar Ali Bhutto, an electrician, who helped her in renting the apartment and had free access there, had been out of reach after the incident.

Bithi was alone at home since her son Himel went to his father's house a week ago, said Obaidul Haque, OC of Sadar Police Station.

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১.	মন্ত্রণালয়	ঃ স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।
২.	সংস্থা/বিভাগ	ঃ বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩.	ক্রয়কারী সত্ত্বার নাম	ঃ রেজ্টার, পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ।
৪.	দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিষয়	ঃ পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ এর মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।
৫.	দরপত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	ঃ স্মারক নং-পুস্টাক/প্রশাসন/১৭-২০১৯/৬৫২ তারিখঃ ১৬/০৩/২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
৬.	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	ঃ উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৭.	বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	ঃ রাজস্ব বাজেট।
৮.	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তি, গ্রহণ উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান	ঃ পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, মিরপুর-১৪, ঢাকা।
৯.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ০২/০৪/২০১৯খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১০.	আবেদনপত্র ও দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ০৩/০৪/২০১৯খ্রিঃ, ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১.	দরপত্র সিডিউল উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, সেকশন-১৪, মিরপুর, ঢাকা, ০৩/০৪/২০১৯ খ্রিঃ, ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা।
১২.	দরদাতাকে সিডিউলের সাথে বর্ণিত কাগজপত্রাদি দাখিল করতে হবে	ঃ <b>যোগ্যতার শর্তাবলীঃ</b> (১) হালনাগাদ বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর সত্যায়িত কপি (২) হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের প্রত্যয়নপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি (৩) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশনের সত্যায়িত কপি (৪) দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি জারির পরবর্তী সময়ের ব্যাংক প্রদত্ত আর্থিক স্বচ্ছতার সনদপত্র (৫) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ০৫ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি (কার্যদেশ ও নোটিফিকেশন এ্যাওয়ার্ড গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়) (৬) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি (৭) দরদাতার ২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি (সত্যায়িত)।
১৩.	কাজের নাম	দরপত্র জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য)      দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)
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১৪.	<b>বিশেষ নির্দেশনাঃ</b>	
	(ক) ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক নির্ধারিত তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।	
	(খ) দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত সকল কার্যাদি PPA-২০০৬ ও PPR-২০০৮ এর তদীয় সংশোধনী অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে।	
	(গ) দরপত্র জামানত/পে-অর্ডার পরিচালক (প্রশাসন ও অর্থ), পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ-এর অনুকূলে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।	
	(ঘ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	
	(ঙ) রেসপন্সিভ সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে কার্যদেশ প্রাপ্তির পূর্বে ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকা নন জুডিশিয়াল স্ট্যাম্পে চুক্তি করতে হবে।	
	(চ) মুদ্রণজনিত ত্রুটি অথবা অন্য কোন কারণে সন্দেহের উদ্বেগ হলে সেক্ষেত্রে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ২০০৮ এবং তৎপরবর্তীতে জারিকৃত নির্দেশনা প্রযোজ্য হবে।	
	(ছ) সীলগালায়ুক্ত খামের উপর কাজের নাম উল্লেখপূর্বক দরপত্র জমা প্রদান করতে হবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।	
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