

That gun-toting man now AL ward president

Niazul prime accused in case filed over murder attempt on Ivy gets elected unopposed



In 2018, Niazul was seen waving his gun during a clash. On Friday, he became president of ward-12 unit of Narayanganj Metropolitan Awami League.

SOURAV HOSSAIN SIAM, N'ganj

Remember Niazul Islam Khan? On January 16, 2018, he was seen with a gun in the open during a clash in Narayanganj city.

That very same man, who has been accused of attempting to murder Narayanganj City Corporation Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy, has become president of a ward unit of Narayanganj Metropolitan Awami League.

Niazul, once known as a cadre of Jubo League, was elected unopposed as president of ward-12 at a conference held at Bar Academy school premises in the city's Khanpur area on Friday afternoon.

Metropolitan AL president and former district council chairman Anwar Hossain inaugurated the conference as chief guest.

After the 2018 incident, which occurred following the eviction of hawkers from the footpaths of Bangabandhu Road, Niazul became the centre of discussion.

Many including Ivy, Awami League leaders, and

Niazul is an armed criminal. The whole world witnessed that he walked with his pistol to shoot mayor Ivy. This is a disgraceful incident for the party.

JAHANGIR ALAM
Ex-joint secretary of district AL

Stealing trees from reserve forest

Vested interest groups cutting trees to sell logs



PHOTO: STAR

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Trees are being looted from reserve forest areas in Patuakhali, adjacent to the flood control embankment of Kalapara upazila.

During a recent visit to Pakhiapara village of Baliatali union in the upazila, it was seen that several trees have been cut and left in small pieces for sale next to the dyke.

Rafiqul Islam, director of a local madrasa, alleged that one Shahabuddin Sikdar cut down at least 20 trees in Pakhiapara area a month ago. When the matter was informed to the upazila administration, the logs of trees were seized.

However, no action has been taken against those involved as of yet.

Rafiqul also mentioned that the forest department gave him custody of the tree logs for the time being.

"A vested quarter often cuts trees illegally and then sells logs. Many dare not to speak against them. This is how trees are regularly getting stolen," he added.

This correspondent could not reach Sahabuddin over the phone despite repeated attempts.

Mahbub Mridha, another local, said the forest department planted many trees near the flood control dyke about 30 years ago to protect the area from natural calamities, including storms and floods.

However, these trees are now disappearing. So, the forest is being destroyed every day making locals vulnerable to natural disasters. The administration should look into

this issue seriously, he added.

Kalapara upazila forest officer Abul Kalam said, "Action is being taken against those involved in cutting trees. But we have a lack of human resources."

Kalapara UNO Shankar Chandra Baidya said, "I sent people to stop cutting trees after receiving information from locals in Pakhiapara area. The tree logs have been kept in the custody of a local man. The forest department has been instructed to take necessary measures in this regard."

Contacted, Patuakhali Divisional Forest Officer Abdullah AL Mamun said the matter is being taken seriously and necessary action is being taken, including the filing of a case against those involved in tree cutting.

Bangladesh an important partner to US

Says Senator Roger Marshall

UNB, Dhaka

US Senator Roger Marshall has expressed his willingness to extend support to further advance Dhaka-Washington relationship.

Roger Marshall, the republican senator from Kansas, described Bangladesh as "an important partner" of the United States and hoped that the two countries would continue to forge bilateral cooperation in all possible areas.

The US senator made the remarks during a meeting with Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Muhammad Imran at his office in Washington DC on Friday.

Senator Marshall appreciated Bangladesh's economic achievements and praised its contributions towards global peace through the UN Peacekeeping Missions, according to the Bangladesh Mission in Washington yesterday.

Ambassador Imran briefed the senator on the socio-economic development that has taken place in Bangladesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Bangladesh, South Africa discuss ways to boost trade

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam has said Bangladesh and South Africa have common socio-economic development objectives and there are huge potentials to boost trade and investment.

He observed that visa waiver agreement for diplomatic and official passport holders and agreement on avoidance of double taxation between Bangladesh and South Africa will facilitate contacts and increase trade and investment between the two countries.

The state minister had bilateral talks with

BCL leader suspended from hall for beating student

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University's Bijoy Ekattor Hall authorities on Wednesday suspended a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader for six months from the dormitory for beating a student recently.

The suspended student is Rakibul Hasan, deputy law affairs secretary of BCL's Bijoy Ekattor Hall unit.

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FEBRUARY 5

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:15	5:52	7:15
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:30	5:56	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

HUGRA IN TANGAIL SADAR

No bridge even two years after deadline

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Even two years after the deadline, the construction of a bridge in Hugra of Tangail Sadar upazila has not been completed, causing immense suffering to thousands of people.

Locals pointed to negligence by the contractor as well as authorities concerned behind the delay.

According to the Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED), construction firm Koninoor Enterprise got the tender to construct a 50 metre bridge over a canal at Beguntal Bazar on Basakhanpur-Hugra road at a cost of Tk 3.9 crore.

The project timeline was from July 5, 2020 to April 4, 2021.

However, after 21 months, only one of the three slabs have been constructed.

This correspondent witnessed people and light vehicles struggling to move on the adjacent earth-made

diversion road during a recent visit. Meanwhile, heavy vehicular movement has completely stopped.

Saiful Islam, a rickshaw-van driver, said the diversion road gets submerged in the beginning of the rainy season, disrupting road communication.

Many other drivers of three-wheelers echoed him.

Mohammad Ali, a trader of Hugra, said over 50,000 people move through the road every day to go to their destinations, which include several unions in the western region of Tangail as well as a part of adjacent Sirajganj district.

Meanwhile, one of the construction workers of the bridge said they cannot continue work due to a supply shortage of wood and iron rods.

Torab Ali, a sub-assistant engineer of LGED in Tangail Sadar, said of the main works of the bridge – piling, and

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