

GUN ATTACK ON AL LEADER

Was political rivalry the reason?

SHARIFUL ISLAM and JAHIDUL ISLAM

The massive popularity of Narsingdi's Shibpur Upazila Parishad Chairman Harunur Rashid Khan and the possibility of him contesting in the next general election might be reasons behind Saturday's gun attack on him.

Enmity between him and one Arif Sarkar over the lease of a local wholesale market could've also led to the attack, suspect Harunur's family and local Awami League (AL) leaders.

They said Harunur was Shibpur upazila AL president for 25 years. He was relieved from the post on December 6, 2021, on charges of breaching party discipline.

They believe local ruling party lawmaker Zahirul Haque Bhuiyan Mohon might've had a hand in Harunur's removal, which led to a bitter relationship between the MP and Harunur.

"My uncle is a popular leader and was planning to contest in the next general election, which irked MP Mohon. My uncle's popularity is a big hurdle for Mohon to win in the election," Rabbi Khan,

Shibpur upazila AL publicity secretary and Harunur's nephew, told The Daily Star.

Three people, including Arif, went to Harunur's house on Saturday morning. Asking the guests to sit in the living room, Harunur went to bring some sweets. At that point, someone shot him from behind, said law enforcers.

Mentionable, a photo uploaded on Arif's Facebook profile shows him walking closely with Mohon while many others were behind.

Asked about the suspicion of the victim's family and local AL leaders, Mohon said a third party is bringing his name up for ulterior motives.

"I am against any sort of criminal activity. Attack on Harunur is like an attack on me," he told The Daily Star last night.

Condemning the attack, he demanded arrest of the real culprits. The lawmaker claimed he had no role in relieving Harunur from his post.

Asked about Arif's picture, the lawmaker said he has been nominated as an MP candidate four times and has



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Post-deprived AL leaders block road in Tangail

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A section of local Awami League leaders and activists, who were deprived of posts in the recent committee, blocked a road in Tangail yesterday.

Following the blockade, a long tailback was created on the both sides of Tangail-Mymensingh highway, causing sufferings to passengers.

The demonstrators gathered there with a procession and blocked the road for about 30 minutes by burning tyres.

At that time, they shouted slogans against the upazila AL President and Upazila Parishad Chairman Shahidul Islam Lebu.

The vehicular movement became normal after a police team dispersed the agitating AL men.

Earlier, the demonstrators held a press conference at the Upazila Teachers' Association, demanding immediate cancellation of the new



Ghatail upazila committee of AL.

At the press conference, the AL leaders alleged that BNP-Jamaat people and those involved in anti-state activities were given posts in that committee announced on January 28.

They said if this committee is not cancelled, a new one will be announced on March 20 through a new council.

Talukdar Mohammad Shajahan, chairman of Anehola Union Parishad, spoke at the event.

Arrest culprits immediately

Demands Mahila Parishad over death of 8th grader

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Bangladesh Mahila Parishad yesterday expressed concern and outrage over the death of school girl, who died by suicide after being sexually harassed in Habiganj's Madhabpur.

They demanded exemplary punishment and immediate arrest of the culprits involved in the incident, said a statement.

They also demanded a neutral probe into the incident.

On Friday, the 8th grader took her own life as she felt humiliated after being sexually harassed by a group of youths.

According to family members, on that day, four youths harassed her while she was attending her music class.

Later while she was on her way home, they assaulted her. They had been stalking her for a year, the family said.

The Mahila Parishad also demanded proper security for the victim's family members, said the press statement.



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