Man stabbed to death by brother

UNB, *Cox's Bazar*

A man was stabbed to death allegedly by his younger brother over a previous feud in Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The deceased Ayub Ali, 30, was a resident of Dhechuapalong Kombnia village.

The victim's elder brother Md Ali said Ayub was irrigating in a betel nut orchard by a water pump in their house in the morning.

His younger brother Yeasir Ali wanted to take the pump away, which led to an altercation. At one stage, the accused stabbed Ayub with a machete.

OC Abu Taher of Ramu Police Station said they sent the body for autopsy. Police are looking for the accused.

16 more Covid cases in last 24 hours

UNB, *Dhaka*

Bangladesh reported 16 more Covid-19 cases in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new numbers, the country's total Covid-19 caseload rose to 2,046,383, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

The official death toll from the disease remained unchanged at 29,477 as no new fatalities were reported during this period.

The daily case test positivity rate stood at 4.8 percent as 333 samples were tested.

The recovery and death rates remained unchanged at 98.42 percent and 1.44 percent, respectively.

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As part of its non-cooperation movement, BNP activists distributed anti-polls leaflets in the capital's Jatiya Press Club area yesterday. They also showed symbolic "red cards" to the government as part of their protests.

BNP walking a tightrope in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

BNP is facing numerous obstacles, including harassment from law enforcers, while trying to carry out political activities in Rajshahi, alleged party leaders.

Expressing frustrations over restrictions on their rallies and the arrests of party men, Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul, secretary for forest and environment affairs of the BNP central executive committee, claimed around 750 party leaders and activists in Rajshahi have been arrested since the end of October.

"Our men are taking precautions while participating in political activities amid obstacles," added Mosaddek, also former Rajshahi city mayor.

BNP has a total seven offices in Rajshahi, but only the joint office of the city and district units at Rajshahi's Malopara area is functional at the moment.

In November, Rajshahi City Corporation demolished a BNP office established on a private property in Shalbagan area on the pretext of removing illegal structures from footpath. "A few leaders attend the lone working office regularly," said Rajshahi city BNP unit convener Ershad Ali Esha.

"Police don't allow any of our men to gather anywhere. Sometimes they make arrests after our political programmes end," he said. Police harass BNP men even if they are not accused in any criminal cases, he added.

Shafiqul Islam Somapta, member of district BNP convening committee, said, "Our men cannot stay in their homes at night."

"We never had to take permission to hold a political programme before. Now, even after being permitted to hold programmes, we face many limitations," he said.

Sometimes, law enforcers take ruling party activists assistance and harass BNP members, he said.

Contacted, Jamirul Islam, additional deputy commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said police have arrested only those who have warrants issued against them or are accused in different criminal activities. Regarding police harassments, he said, "We have not received any such complaints."

"We learnt that some BNP men are engaging in subversive activities. So, it's natural that they will not be able to take part in political activities without fear of arrests," he added.

No dengue deaths in last 24 hours

UNB, *Dhaka*

No fresh death due to dengue was reported in the 24 hours till yesterday morning.

However, 33 patients, including 17 in Dhaka, were hospitalised during this period, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Last year, at least 1,705 people lost their lives due to the mosquito-borne disease, making it the deadliest year on record.

With DGHS recording 3,21,179 cases and 3,18,749 recoveries last year, September witnessed the worst outbreak with 396 fatalities and 79,598 cases.

Intra-party rivalry

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The division among grassroots AL leaders at the constituency took a serious turn resulting in clashes during campaigning.

The district witnessed a total of 13 cases of pre-polls violence and 10 of those were filed with Bagmara Police Station under the constituency. A total of 18 persons were arrested in the cases, police said.

Azad too brought allegations of buying votes against Enamul.

Meanwhile, four schools designated as polling centres came under arson attacks in three constituencies of Rajshahi yesterday.

The schools are Akkelpur High School and Ganipur High School in Bagmara in Rajshahi-4 constituency; Arani Jhina Government Primary School in Rajshahi-6; and Motihar High School of Mohonpur in Rajshahi-3.

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the matter. No matter who comes to power through a questionable election, they are not accountable to the people," it continued.

The statement also criticised the process of making dummy candidates to make this election appear competitive, calling it an "unprecedented incident".

"Unfortunately, this January we are going to see an unacceptable election like 2014 and 2018. Like all citizens of Bangladesh, we are deeply concerned and worried about the elections," the statement added.

No smooth sailing

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is contesting from the constituency comprising Kanaighat and Zakiganj upazilas.

He is facing six candidates including independent candidate Dr Ahmed Al-Kabir, also a freedom fighter and AL leader, another independent candidate and local Islamist leader Mohammad Husamuddin Chowdhury and JP candidate Shabbir Ahmed.

Of them, Ahmed Al-Kabir has more influence compared to Mashuk Uddin due to his longstanding philanthropic works in healthcare and education.

However, Husamuddin, who is known as "Phultoli Peer", is likely going to give a hard time to Mashuk as he is an avid AL supporter and was a preferred candidate for the party in 2018 polls.

SYLHET-6

Former education minister Nurul Islam Nahid is contesting with an AL ticket from the constituency comprising Beanibazar and Golapganj upazilas.

Among his five contenders, Trinamool BNP chairperson Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury is the toughest opponent.

Also, independent candidate and AL leader Sarwar Hossain and JP candidate Selim Uddin will likely put up a good contest, according to locals.

AL grassroots rooting

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the party's independent candidate GM Mahbubul Alam. Md Fazlul Haque, senior vice-president of Koyra upazila AL, echoed the same.

AL candidate Abdus Salam Murshedy is contesting from Khulna-4 (Rupsha-Terokhada-Digholia), against 12 others.

Mortaza Rashidi Dara, who is also contesting from the seat independently with "kettle" symbol from Khulna-4, has huge support from party leaders and activists, as he and his family members have strong background with AL politics, said locals.

At least seven UP chairmen out of 15 are working for independent candidates, said Md Shahidul Islam, upazila chairman of Terokhada.

Meanwhile, in Khulna-1, Khulna-2 and Khulna-3, AL candidates Noni Gopal Mondal, Sheikh Salauddin and Kamal Hossain are unlikely to face any challenges within the party as there is no strong opposition contesting against them.

Cold wave

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City dwellers, especially homeless people, struggled immensely last morning, due to the chilling cold sweeping over Dhaka.

According to BMD forecast, moderate to thick fog may occur over the country between midnight and morning, which may persist till Saturday noon at places across the country.

Security forces on high alert

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In case of an emergency, citizens can call 999 or the nearest police station, he added.

"We have completed all the necessary preparations and briefed every member of the police force about their responsibilities. We would provide security at a total of 42,025 polling centres," the IGP said.

Around 1,89,000 police personnel have been deployed nationwide to ensure law and order during the polls, according to Police Headquarters.

The PHQ has also announced a reward of Tk 20,000 to 1,00,000 for anyone who can provide information on miscreants.

Meanwhile, Rab has stepped up security ahead of the election. Alongside the regular patrols, security checkpoints have also been set up.

The Border Guard Bangladesh is ready as well to deal with untoward situations, said Maj Gen AKM Nazmul Hasan, director general of the force, while talking to journalists at Syed Nazrul Islam National Swimming Complex in Mirpur yesterday.

He said BGB's rapid action team and dog squad are working all over the country.

BGB has deployed 1,151 platoons (34,530 members) across the country for this period.

A total of 517,143 members of the Ansar and Village Defence Party were deployed to ensure security, said its DG Maj Gen AKM Aminul Haque at a press conference yesterday.

He also said 12 Ansar and VDP members will perform round-the-clock duty in each polling centre.

Govt cannot force

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the "threats" and "intimidation" of the government ahead of the polls.

"The time of one-party rule is over. Do not be frightened of the threats of an illegal government," he said.

The BNP leader claimed that local and central AL leaders threatened thousands of beneficiaries that they would lose their financial benefits if they did not vote for "boat."

The local administration is also being used to force people to vote, he added.

AL leaders are threatening to invalidate voters' national identity (NID) cards if they fail to show up at the polls, Moyeen alleged.

Meanwhile, around 20 lakh government employees are also being forced to vote by postal ballot against their wishes, he further alleged.

"They [government officials] are under pressure to bring every member of their families to cast their vote for the boat," Moyeen continued.

Moreover, 61 lakh Ansar members deployed on the election day, were forced to cast postal ballots, while their families have also been threatened to vote, he said.

This evil initiative to control government servants' voting rights has created concern at home and abroad about the impartiality and transparency of the election process, said Moyeen.

Moyeen further alleged that leaders of Chhatra League and Swechchhaseba k League -- the student and volunteer wings of the AL-- have been preparing to cast "fake votes," as they did in the 2014 and 2018 polls.

However, the BNP will hold a 48-hour hartal starting today at 6:00am, which includes tomorrow's voting day, in protest of the national elections.

Three former secretaries

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challenges from his rival Pir Fazlur Rahman, the incumbent lawmaker and Jatiyo Party's candidate from this seat.

Fazlur, a former secretary of Sunamganj Lawyers' Association, won the two previous elections with JP's symbol, giving him a scope to have his influence in the area. In both these elections, AL did not field any candidate from this seat.

However, this time, AL opted against leaving the seat to JP.

Interestingly, despite winning the two polls with JP's nomination, Pir Fazlur Rahman was an AL leader. He was the education, training and library secretary of the central committee of Jubo League.

"In the last two terms, he has established his sphere of influence in his constituency and emerged as a strong competitor against Sadique," said a local AL leader wishing anonymity.

However, Sadique is getting huge support from local AL leaders including Nurul Huda Mukut and Polin Bakht, president and general secretary of Sunamganj district AL unit respectively, and Enamul Kabir Emon, a member of the central committee of AL.

Sadique also previously served as EC secretary during the one-sided January 5, 2014 election, in which 153 candidates won uncontested amid boycott by BNP and other political parties.

Surendra Nath Chakraborty, who is contesting from Naogaon-3, is facing a strong competition from incumbent lawmaker Salim Uddin Tarafder, who is vying as an independent candidate.

Another independent candidate, Mahfuza Chowdhury, wife of former MP late Akram Hossain Chowdhury, is also contesting from the seat.

The main contest, however, will be between Surendra and Salim, said locals.

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e-GP Tender Notice-17/2023-2024

e-Gp Tender is invited in the National e-GP System (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of works mentioned below under LGED, District:- Narail.

	GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OFBANGLADESH	
1	Ministry	Local Government Rural Development & Co-operative
2	Division	Local Government Division
3	Organization	Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)
4	Procuring Entity Name	The PE is Local Government Engineering Department, represented by: Executive Engineer, District: Narail
5	Procuring Entity Code	
6	Procuring Entity District	Narail
7	Invitation for	Tender - single
8	Invitation Reference No	Package No: CW-167/RCIP/NRL
KEY & FUNDING INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (OSOE)
10	Budget Type	Development
11	Source of Fund	Government and Aid
12	Development Partner (if applicable)	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
13	Project Code:	224249700
14	Project Name:	Rural Connectivity Improvement Project (RCIP)
15	Tender/Proposal Package No. and Description	Package No.: CW-167/RCIP/NRL Improvement of the following roads: **1. Improvement of Jogania Hat-Chapoil Ghat Road at Ch. 0+00-4+400 Km= 4+400Km Under Kalia Upazila, District: Narail (Road ID-265282006) (Salvage Cost Tk. 9,68,382.00) & 2. Improvement of Kalia Public Library-Jogania GC Road at Ch. 0+00-5+500 Km= 5+500Km Under Kalia Upazila, District: Narail (Road ID- 265282001) (Salvage Cost Tk. 12,18,536.00) (Total Salvage Cost Tk. 21,86,918).**
16	Category	
17	Scheduled Tender Publication Date and Time	07-01-2024, 16:00 PM
18	Tender Document last selling/Download Date and Time:	07-02-2024, 16:00 PM
19	Pre-Tender meeting Start Date and Time	08-01-2024, 10:00 AM
20	Pre-Tender meeting End Date and Time	29-01-2024, 16:00 PM
21	Tender Closing Date and Time	08-02-2024, 15:00 PM
22	Tender Opening Date and Time	08-02-2024, 15:00 PM
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
23	Eligibility of Tenderer	As per stated in TDS & all eligible countries of ADB members countries
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25	Evaluation Type	Package wise
26	Document Available	Package wise
27	Tender Document Price (in BDT)	4000 (Four Thousand Taka) Only.
28	Mode of Payment	Payment through Bank

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