

# Formation of Committees of Concerned Citizens in

## Nalitabari, Madhupur and Kishoregonj

The formation of Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC) in Nalitabari of Sherpur, Madhupur of Tangail and in Kishoregonj Sadar, by TIB has raised the number of CCCs in greater

Mymensingh district to 6 (six).

### Nalitabari

A 15 - member Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC) in Nalitabari of Sherpur district was formed in 11 May. Eminent journalist, teacher and social worker M. A. Hakam Hira has been nominated as the Convener. The other members of the committee are - Prof.



social worker Maulana Abul Mobarrak, Journalist Samedul Islam Talukder, social worker Golam

Probhat Chandra Paul, teachers Abdul Khaleque, Moshtaque Habib, Zobaida Habib, Advocate Shudhangshu Kaluar, Zahidul Islam Zahid, Nalitabari Chamber President Nurul Amin (Nuru), Union Parishad Chairman Nazim Uddin Ahmed,

Faruque, businessman Kiron Dutta and students Helena Akhtar and Kohinoor Ruma.

### Madhupur

The TIB Committees of Concerned Citizens in Madhupur Thana of Tangail District was formed on 12 May. The convener of the 12 member Madhupur CCC is eminent social worker Professor Md. Golam Samdani of Madhupur College. The other members of the CCC are teachers Md. Abdul Latif, Saidul Islam, Shaikha Mohsana Millah (Shefa), Maria Chiran, Dr. Meer Farhadul Alam (Moni), development worker Tapan Kumar Goon, Madhupur Municipal Commissioner Rokeya Begum, businessmen Ghiyasuddin Ahmed, Sre Coomar Guha Neogi, Advocate Md. Salahuddin Ahmed and journalist Zaynal Abedin.



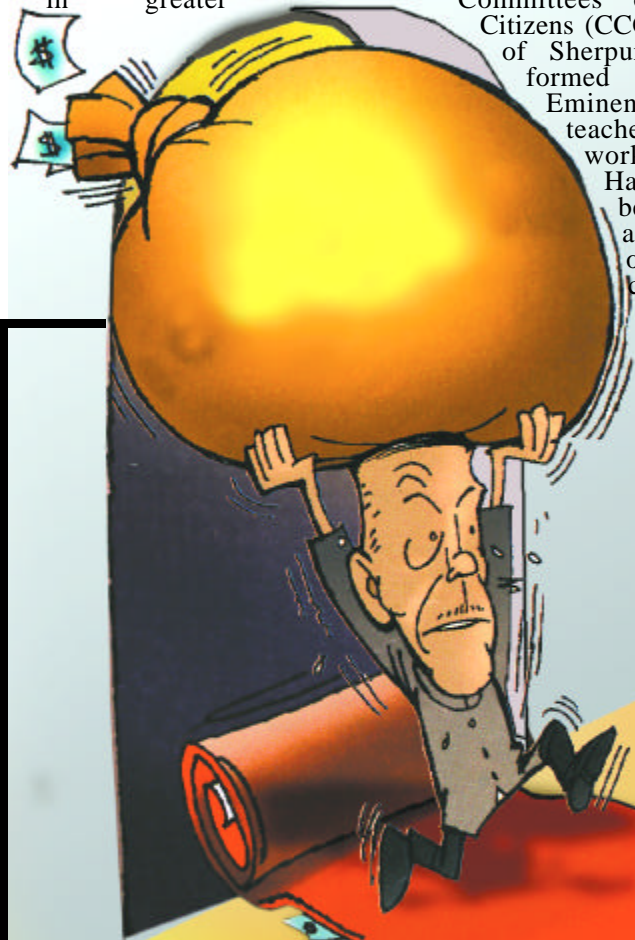
### Kishoregonj

A meeting of leading conscious citizens of different professions in Kishoregonj Sadar was held on 9 June. A 15- member Committees of Concerned Citizens Kishoregonj Sadar present was formed at the meeting. The widely respected Prof. Rafiqur Rahman Chowdhury was nominated as the Convener of the Committee. The other members of

the CCC include social worker Khurshed Uddin Bhuiyan, businessmen Shafiqul Islam, Md. Abu Siddiqui, Dr. Deen Mohammad, Advocate Aminul Hoque Chowdhury, journalist Saiful Hoque Mollah (Dulu), Advocate Ashok Sarkar, Najma Nahar Molly, Advocate Shamsun Nahar Kajol, teacher Usha Rani Devi, Advocate Maya Bhoumik, former Govt. ser-

vant S.M. Abdul Mannan, teacher Sharif Kaiser Raja and cultural activist Mukti Chowdhury.

Executive Director of TIB, Manzoor Hasan stressed the need for the effective role of citizens in checking corruption and for establishing good governance. The conscious citizens attending the meeting lauded the programmes of TIB building large-scale social movement against corruption.



## From the pages of Newspapers

O.C. however, released the accused. Subsequently, the District Anti-Corruption Bureau filed a case against O.C. Fazlul Karim and UP member Akbar Hossain. On 17 April, Special Judge, Kishoregonj cancelled the O.C.'s bail order and sent him to prison.

Source: Daily Juganter, 18 April 2001

### Misappropriation of Tk. 1 crore in electricity bill

Nearly one core taka paid as electricity bills by consumers at the Satkhira Pubali Bank have not been deposited. A certain section of the bank's employees have colluded in the misappropriation

of the money over a period of ten years from 1990 to

### Police pilfers bullets

A constable of the Rajshahi Metropolitan Police stole seven rounds of bullets and stashed them away in his trunk. The bullets were found after a search was conducted in the Metropolitan Police Line. The confusion about the number of bullets used by the Police during the opposition called hartal of 31 March, lead to a search being conducted to find the unaccounted for bullets.

Source: Daily Prothom Alo, 21 April 2001

### O.C. in Jail

A former O.C. of Kishoregonj, Fazlul Karim, has been sent to jail on corruption charges. In 1993-94 when UP member Akbar Hossain of Rashidabad under Sadar Upazilla misappropriated grains under the Food for Works programme, the Local Government Engineering Department had directed the then O.C. Fazlul Karim to file a case against Akbar Hossain. The

### VIP Corruption

There are 150 corruption cases pending against nearly 50 VIPs for the last 5 years. A review of the Anti-Corruption Bureau shows that these cases are not being disposed off primarily because of lack of necessary initiative. During the last 5 years the Anti-

2000. Although the bill paying consumers have necessary receipts with bank seal, signature and revenue stamps, there is no reflection of these payments in the bank statements sent by the bank to the Electricity office. Meanwhile, as a result of "unpaid" dues, power lines of many of the consumers have been disconnected which has brought on a serious reaction by the customers.

Source: Daily Janakantha, 1st May 2001.

### Secretary fakes age

A Secretary to the Government has faked his age. This Secretary hid two years of his age and arranged for two additional years of service. The matter is currently under investigation. The actual date of birth of this former CSP officer is 3 December 1944. Till 1994, all his Annual Confidential Reports (ACR) show his birth year as 1944. Subsequently, in the Personal Data Sheet (PDS) of the Government, he lowered his age by two years and declared his date of birth to be 2 December 1946.

Source: Daily Ittefaq, 5 May 2001.

### "Royal" wedding of Police officer.

The wedding of Mir Ashraf Ali, ASP Hathazari was celebrated with month-long royal pomp. His mehendi (henna) evening was held at the Bogra Ladies Club on 12 April. The wedding was solemnized on 14 April at the Notrams auditorium, Bogra. The wedding reception was held on 16 April at the Bogra Ladies Club. Another post-wedding reception was held on 4 May at Bonanza Chinese Restaurant on CDA Avenue in Chittagong. A similar function was also held in Dhaka prior to this. The police stations under his jurisdiction have contributed Taka ten lakh for these programmes. He had, of course, fixed the subscription rates. Top terrorists were engaged by the Hathazari police officers to collect the money.

Source: Daily Juganter, 17 May 2001.

### Corruption in DESA

An inquiry into the misappropriation of Tk. 100 crore in DESA has revealed the pocketing of hundreds of crores. The misappropriation has been done through forged seals, false paper clippings etc. A chain of employees from the clerks to the top executive are reportedly involved in this forgery.

Source: Daily Bangla Bazar Patrika 28 May 2001.

### 15000 crore taka vanishes in 5 years

Every year, about 2500 crore Taka is being siphoned off through the forging of Bangladesh Bank money receipts. In the last five years, this has resulted in the misappropriation of 15000 crore taka. Certain NBR officials, in collusion with officials of Bangladesh Bank and some Income Tax Advisors, are perpetrating such crimes.

Source: Daily Arthoniti 29 May 2001

Corruption Bureau has filed 151 cases at different locations after primary investigation and upon obtaining Government approval. Charge sheets have also been submitted to the court. But not one has so far been disposed off. The VIPs include, apart from Ministers, 34 MPs and several sitting and former Secretaries, Additional Secretaries and other Senior Officers.

Source: Daily Inqilab 30 May 2001