

Dr Kamal for resignation of CEC

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Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said the chief election commissioner (CEC) and two other election commissioners must resign before the coming general election for the sake of national interest.

Addressing a central committee meeting of the party at its office, he said the role of the CEC has reached the climax of shameless sycophancy and that is why he must quit.
Dr Kamal said the task of updating the voter list must be done through door-to-door visit as it is the

demand of the nation.
He called for strengthening the national unity to save the country from widespread corruption, anarchy and terrorism.
Pankaj Bhattacharya, Commander Abdur Rauf, Engineer Abul Kashem and Mostofa Mohsin Montu also spoke at the meeting.



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Employees of Women Affairs Department working under a project start fast-into-death in front of the office in the city yesterday to press their demand for transfer of their jobs to revenue sector and payment of arrears.

Fast-into-death for job under revenue sector

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Seven hundred and twenty-two employees working under a project of Department of Women Affairs started fast-into-death in the city yesterday to press their demands for transfer of their jobs to revenue sector and payment of arrears.

These employees had been working in the 'Development project for poor women suffering from the lack of food security' for six years. They also did not get their salary of 24 months.

To press their demands, they staged continuous sit-in programme in front of the department office at Eskaton in the city since July 9.

Leaders of Karmakarta-Karmachari Kallyan Parishad, a platform of the officials working under the project, said despite a government order issued on March 2004 and parliamentary standing committee's order at 18th and 21st meetings to shift the manpower under the project to revenue sector, nothing substantial has been done so far.

They also said that they went on a fast-into-death programme in March but suspended it following assurance given by former minister Khurshid Jahan Haque.

Although four months have passed since, no progress is seen in this regard, they added.

Cancellation of treaties in energy sector demanded

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The National Committee on Oil-Gas Mineral Resources and Power-port Protection yesterday in a statement said all the agreements signed by Bangladesh in the oil-gas and coal sector have imposed new burdens

on the economy of the country.
The statement, issued following the suspension of Tata's proposed US\$3 billion investment, demanded cancellation of all treaties and agreements signed in the non-renewable energy sectors.
The statement, signed by organi-

sation's Convenor Sheikh Mohammad Sahidullah and Member Secretary Anu Mohammad, remarked that the proposed Tata investment proposal would have been harmful, had it been signed.