



### Avoid violence during political programmes Speakers urge parties

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Speakers at a human chain yesterday called upon the political parties to keep in mind the human rights issues while enforcing political programmes.

They also underscored the need for peace to avoid conflict and violence while pressing home the demands.

The human chain was formed by Shushashoner Jonno Procharivijan (Supra), campaign for good governance, in front of the National Museum in the city.

Expressing solidarity with the 14-party's demand for reconstitution of the Election Commission (EC), the speakers said the agitation must take place in a peaceful manner.

The people should not suffer due to political programme as they are not the opponents of political parties, they added.

Supra Secretary Rezaul Karim said the EC should be made fully independent with the provision of separate budget and decision making power.

He suggested separate Identity (ID) Card for each voter saying that only an accurate voter list cannot ensure a free and fair election.

Rezaul cautioned that if the political parties fail to reach a consensus, a third party may capture the state power paving the way for foreign companies to plunder the resources of the country.

He also announced that a four-day-long programme will be observed in 46 districts including Dhaka from today urging all to uphold human rights issues from a non-partisan point of view.

Swapn Bhuiyan of Krishak Sramik Federation, Hosne Ara of Vashoman Nari Sramik Federation, Abul Kalam Azad of Bishwa Shanti Sangha and Zayed Iqbal of Bangladesh Sramik Federation spoke on the occasion.

### Three commit suicide in city

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Three people, including a domestic help, allegedly committed suicide in separate incidents in the city in the last two days.

All the three victims hanged themselves from ceiling fan, said police sources.

Arzin Akhter, 17, who has been working as a domestic help at one Golam Mustafa's house for the last two years at Uttara, was found dead at around 7:00pm on Monday.

The reason behind her death could not be known immediately.

Meanwhile, police recovered the body of a housewife named Asma Begum, 20, from Mirpur at around 8:00pm on Monday whom the family members claimed to be a mental patient.

Another body of one Fariduddin Mia, 29, of West Shewrapara was found at around 1:30am yesterday.

The bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

## FBCCI postpones today's protest for 5 days

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The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) has postponed its token demonstration programme, scheduled to be held today, for five days.

As the political situation is

becoming stable by the move of the caretaker government, the federation leaders decided to observe further development of the political situation and then they will stage the demonstration.

Earlier, FBCCI on Sunday at its board meeting decided to observe a token demonstration programme

in front of its Motijheel office, if the caretaker government fails to break the political deadlock by November 5.

Appreciating the recent move of the caretaker government, the business leaders urged the political parties to keep economic activities out of any political program.

"We will stage token demonstration with participation of country's all chambers and associations", Mohammad Ali, first vice-president of FBCCI, at a meeting yesterday.

Dewan Sultan Ahmed, vice-president of FBCCI, was also present at the meeting.

Shushashoner Jonno Procharabhijan forms a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday demanding electoral reforms to avoid conflict and violence.

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