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Implement package offer fully within 24 hours

14-party, allies warn otherwise they can't join polls in 90 days



Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil addresses a press conference at Hotel Purbani in the capital yesterday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Awami League (AL)-led 14-party coalition and its allies yesterday jointly issued a 24-hour ultimatum to the caretaker government (CG) to implement fully the package proposal negotiated between them, and said otherwise it will not be possible for them to participate in the next general election within the stipulated 90 days.
"If the package deal is not implemented in the next 24 hours, we will go for a tough movement including non-stop sit-in demonstrations around the Bangabhaban," 14-party

BNP faces tough task to please ticket seekers

Aspirants in 30 constituencies may create risk

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN
The BNP might have a great difficulty nominating candidates for at least 30 constituencies with many of the aspirants already threatening not to accept decisions leaving them out of the party ticket for the election due in January.
Some of the BNP leaders have been in contact with the Liberal

Democratic Party (LDP) as contingency measures, fearing they might fail to manage the BNP nominations, said a party insider.
In seeking nomination, a number of immediate past lawmakers and senior leaders will come up against a stiff opposition from within the party at constituencies in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Jessore, Rajshahi, Comilla,

Sirajganj, Manikganj, Cox's Bazar, Noakhali and Bogra districts.
Many of them have even been declared 'unwanted' by fellow party leaders and workers in their areas.
Still, the BNP high-ups maintain that the nomination seekers as well as the activists will accept the decisions of the party's parliamentary

Advisers may sit today to resolve Zakaria issue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The team of advisers to the caretaker government, formed for talks with the political parties, may sit today to resolve the latest crisis that emerged as Election Commissioner SM Zakaria rejected the proposal to go on leave as per the package deal.
The advisers informally discussed the matter among themselves to find ways to bring all the parties in the January 23 election, sources said.
The process of appointing a new election commissioner has also



An enumerator corrects the updated voter list at a house at Shankhari Bazar in old Dhaka yesterday

Voter list correction starts in a loose manner

RASHIDUL HASAN
The much talked about correction on the voter list in eight days began yesterday across the country amid lack of proper guidelines, preparation, and interest among the field level Election Commission (EC) staff in deleting duplicate and ineligible entries.
In the first day of correcting the updated voter list, only a handful of residents of the capital witnessed field level officials coming to their doors while most of the districts saw no activity in that regard, report our correspondents.

Meanwhile, the voters also showed little interest in deleting duplicate names due to the complex process one has to follow to do that.
The current move to correct the updated voter list is the fourth attempt of the EC to prepare an acceptable voter list.
Against the backdrop of widespread allegations that the updated voter list contains over one crore 'excess or duplicate' voters, the EC on Tuesday decided to correct the mistakes by sending its staff to door-to-door visits for eight days from December 8 to 15.

The updating process in the capital, however, appeared slow as the enumerators were found visiting only a few areas in the city.
Residents of Mirpur-10, Hazaribagh, Manikganj, Merajnagar, Khilgaon, Mohammadpur, Dhanmondi and the old parts of Dhaka said the field level officials did not visit their areas.
Around 1.4 lakh enumerators are supposed to correct the list by checking whether any eligible voter is left out and if any fake or duplicate name is on the list.
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Yunus leaves for Oslo to receive prize

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Nobel Peace Prize laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday left Dhaka for Oslo, the Norwegian capital, to receive the most prestigious award at an official ceremony tomorrow.
Grameen Bank board member and borrower Taslima Begum will represent the bank that has been leading the way in the field of microcredit across the globe. She will jointly receive the prize with Dr Yunus, said a press release.
Dr Yunus and the Grameen

CG must not bow to any illogical demands: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday asked the caretaker government not to bow to any illogical demands of the 14-party and their allies.
"Election must be held according to the new schedule and it's not the duty of the government to see whether any party joins the election or not," he told reporters at the party central office.
"We want election within 90 days. If the 14-party can gather 20 lakh people in Dhaka city, we can assemble 40 lakh," he said.
Correction
A quote of Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid was not published correctly in a news

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