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CURRENT ELECTION SCHEDULE

Doubts deepen over all-party poll participation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the political crisis deepening further, most advisers to the caretaker government are doubtful about holding of the next parliamentary election in line with the announced schedule with participation of all major political parties.

Following a meeting of the council of advisers on Wednesday, Adviser Shafiqul Haque Chowdhury re-initiated moves to resolve the political deadlock through recasting the EC in line with the council's package proposal but could not come up with any result as of yesterday.

The issue may be raised again at a meeting of the council of advisers today. But a few advisers expressed frustration at the prevailing political situation following the resignation of four advisers.

POLLS PARTICIPATION

Hasina to set 5 conditions from rally today

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The Awami League (AL) led 14-party combine at a grand rally in the capital today will announce that they will participate in election but not according to current schedule and under Chief Adviser and President Iajuddin Ahmed.

VOTER LIST CORRECTION ENDS TODAY

EC's men yet to visit most of city houses

SHARIFUL ISLAM and RASHIDUL HASAN

Field level Election Commission (EC) staff have yet to visit most of the areas in the capital and elsewhere in the country on the last day of correcting the updated voter list today.

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Around 100-year-old Rahimun Bibi of Basila in the capital claimed no Election Commission field workers came to her house to correct the updated voter list.

Iajuddin sees closing gap between two alliances

UNB, Dhaka

President and Chief Adviser Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday hoped that all political parties would join the next general elections as differences between the two major alliances are now 'narrowed down.'

POLLS EXPENDITURE

Tk 58cr to be released in a day or two

UNB, Dhaka

Finance Adviser Dr Shueb Ahmed yesterday said his ministry will release Tk 58 crore in a day or two to meet election expenditures, including the spending on correction of the updated voter list.

Advance EU team in city to watch polls

UNB, Dhaka

A nine-member advance team from the European Union (EU) arrived in Dhaka yesterday to observe the general elections in Bangladesh slated for January 23.

CG has not always worked neutrally

Butenis observes, says Iajuddin must play neutral role in push to end political row

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador in Dhaka Patricia A Butenis yesterday said the caretaker government (CG) of President Iajuddin Ahmed has not always worked neutrally, meaning sufferings to the nation.

between them, Butenis said CA Iajuddin must play a direct and neutral role in this effort.

Ershad goes into hiding

JP leaders tell of pressure from 4-party

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad was neither found at his home nor at any public place yesterday, fuelling the speculation further that he went into hiding amid tremendous pressure from the BNP-led four-party against forging alliance with 14-party.

Bangladeshi back home after 5 years of horror at Guantanamo prison

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The US authorities yesterday handed over a youth to Bangladesh police, who was held at Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba for the last five years for his alleged link with al-Qaeda.

the Airport Police where he remained under detention till last night. His father was unable to meet or receive his son after waiting at the police station for several hours.


Hasina puts voter list correction first

Only then polls to be rescheduled, she says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina yesterday once again reiterated her demand for rescheduling the election following corrections on the voter list and publication of it.

tered on the voter list, and to assure that the constitutional binding of holding the election within the stipulated 90 days must not be used as an excuse," the AL chief said while addressing a programme on the occasion of some former lawmakers and retired army officers joining her party at its Dhanmondi office in the capital.



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