

## Pro-AL officials got

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allegedly by law enforcers and ruling party "cadres".

The BNP leader said their party is against the use of electronic voting machines (EVMs) in the city polls, as it thinks people's verdict will not be reflected if the voting is held with the machines.

About Monday's by-polls to Chattogram-8 constituency, he said voters were not allowed to go to polling stations, as ruling party supporters exploded crude bombs and attacked people with sticks.

"Many people may say we couldn't prevent such acts. How would common people tackle hooligans and those who resort to terrorism? This is the reality. Common voters don't engage in violence, and they want to cast their votes, but they aren't allowed to do so," Fakhru observed.

The BNP leader, however, urged their party people not to get frustrated. "Never give up, no matter how much suffering and repression you are going through. People of the country will stand up and put up a resistance, as they did repeatedly in the past."

The BNP leader became emotional, pointing at the children present at the programme whose fathers have remained missing for a long time. "These children always think their fathers will return; mothers wait to get their children back and wives wait to get their beloved husbands back. This is an unbearable and suffocating situation."

Fakhru also voiced concern over the growing incidents of killing, rape and road accidents.

The BNP leader said the ruling party has created such an appalling situation in the country that even the journalists are now imposing self-censorship to avoid the government's wrath.

## SC upholds death sentence

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The grounds and observation on which the SC delivered the verdict could not be known immediately, as its full text has not been released yet.

As a norm, Qaisar -- now in Dhaka Central Jail -- was not brought to the SC yesterday when the verdict was delivered.

Qaisar, a former state minister of the HM Ershad regime, is the first war criminal whose death sentence has been upheld by the SC on charge of rape, Attorney General Mahbub Alam told reporters at his office after the verdict was announced.

Qaisar can file a petition with the SC seeking review of its judgement. The review petition will have to be filed after the convict receives certified copy of the judgement.

If the SC rejects the review petition, Qaisar can seek president's clemency. If the president does not grant the mercy petition, then the verdict of death sentence will be executed, he said.

Meanwhile, Qaisar's counsel Advocate SM Shahjahan told reporters that his client will file a review petition with the SC after receiving certified copy of its verdict.

Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star that the government would execute the apex court verdict on completion of all legal procedures.

Expressing satisfaction at the judgement, he said, "Whenever the persons who have committed crimes against humanity are punished through due process, I feel satisfied and also feel that justice has prevailed."

Five Jamaat leaders have already been executed for committing crimes during the Liberation War while another senior leader, Delawar Hossain Sayedee, is serving jail until death for the same offences.

## Enamul, Rupon

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brothers were "kingpins" of illegal casinos in the capital.

During last year's crackdown, Rab found Tk 5.05 crore in cash, around 8.5kg gold, and six firearms in five lockers in their houses. Seven cases were filed against them.

The CID is investigating four money laundering cases against them.



Dense fog blanketed the capital for most of yesterday morning, often impeding visibility of drivers on the road. This photo was taken on Khilgaon flyover around 9am.

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## A struggle for water

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an added burden for me," said Sohag Hasan, who has been staying at the hospital (Ward-1) for last four months for his child's treatment.

This newspaper spoke to a number of patients and their attendees at the ward, who shared similar ordeals.

"There used to be no light in the washrooms. Only two toilets out of four had taps. We had to request the authorities for a long time to fix those, which they did recently," said an elderly patient of by-pass surgery.

This correspondent also visited wards 2-5. The situation there was no better. In almost every ward, a group of people stood in a queue in front of the bathrooms while another group went outside to buy bottled water.

Just to give an idea, there are over 100 patients and their attendees in each ward against four toilets and four shower stalls.

Tamanna, who is staying with her sick father-in-law in Ward-5, said, "Not only do we have to look after patients, but also have to worry about water. There's only one tap in the washroom here and it's hard to use that because of the irregular supply and long lines."

Meanwhile beside the washroom in Ward-5, water was draining down the wall due to an overflowing tank.

"It's been like this for the last couple of days. Amid this crisis, such

a waste of water is really a matter of shame," said a patient in the ward, who is a plumber by profession.

According to hospital officials, some 91 cleaners work there, appointed by a third-party firm. Though this number should be sufficient to maintain a 24-hour roster, the patients said there is only one cleaner available in each ward.

"I work alone here [Ward-1] and irregular water supply causes a huge problem for me to clean the washrooms," said Ranu, an elderly cleaner.

Surprisingly, hospital authorities seemed to be unaware of the problem. After telling him about patients' ordeals, Mahmuduzzaman, administrative officer (development), of the hospital, said, "We're expanding our four-storey hospital to eight-storeys. Due to the construction work, there is a problem in water supply in the blocks."

According to the officer, the construction work is going on for the last one year.

Rather than coming up with an alternative to ease patients' and attendees' sufferings, the authorities, however, have escalated it.

"We had to shut down several water tanks on the [fifth floor] roof," said the official, adding that the problem in both the blocks would be solved soon.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Dr Mir Jamal Uddin, director of NICVD, also mentioned the year-long construction work as the reason behind irregular water supply.

Asked whether a hospital should continue construction without ensuring alternative source of water for patients and attendees, he said, "It should not be. I have taken responsibility a few weeks ago. I'm trying to resolve the issue."

"We have set up a new pump recently and the problem is now almost solved," he told this correspondent yesterday.

Upon his claim, The Daily Star contacted several sources to know about the situation at the hospital and found that the crisis remained the same as before.

Contacted again, the director admitted that the crisis persists. He, however, said, "I'm trying my best to solve it. I inherited these issues and eventually we will be able to sort these out, that much I can promise you."

It is to be noted that NICVD handles patients more than double its capacity. Patients, however, said due to its cost effective and quality treatment, they often prefer to come here for healthcare services.

[All patients' and attendees' names have been changed to protect their identity.]

## Court orders

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me near the main entrance of JnU around 11am on Monday. I was saved from their hands thanks to intervention of nearby students," Zakaria told The Daily Star last night.

Contacted, Proctor of the university Mostofa Kamal said, "Authorities received a complaint from Zakaria Islam... stern action will be taken if any student of the university is found guilty in the incident."

## MJF honours

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several discussions on various topics -- including global context of human rights and inclusion of marginalised people in national politics -- were held.

Distinguished personalities, researchers, NGO officials, politicians and several hundred rights activists from across the country took part in the discussions, added the press release.

Noted rights activist Sultana Kamal; KM Abdus Salam, director general of NGO Affairs Bureau; Parveen Mahmood, a member of the MJF's governing board; Golam Samdani Fakir, vice chancellor of Green University; Rasheda K Chowdhury, executive director of CAMPE; Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh; Sharmin Murshid, chief executive officer of Brotee; Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosambhati Andolon; Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, executive director of COAST Trust; and Shama Obaed Islam, an organising secretary of BNP, spoke at the event, among others.

## Mobile court sentences

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near Secretariat at a price of Tk 45 per kg -- Tk 10 higher than OMS' fixed price, said executive magistrate of Rab Sarwoer Alam.

He said they arrested the duo upon receiving information on it.

Asad sold the OMS onions to black market several times, Sarwoer added.

These onions were sold at Tk 60 in wholesale market after purchasing it in low price.

Police are taking preparation to file a case in this regard, said Sarwoer.

## All candidates' info still

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duties, they can be handed minimum six months' to maximum one-year imprisonment.

Returning Officer of DNCC polls Abul Kashem was contacted every day for the last three days by this newspaper.

On both Sunday and Monday, he had said the information would be published that same night.

Contacted yesterday, Abul Kashem said he had no idea of the reason behind the delay.

"We've already sent the information to the EC. It will be uploaded soon," he added.

EC Senior Secretary Md Alamgir could not be reached for comments over phone, despite several attempts.

## AL lawmakers continue

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Amir Hossain Amu, Faruk Khan, Mahbubul Alam Hanif and Agriculture Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque to coordinate campaigns for mayor aspirants from the AL tent.

Two days later, another AL lawmaker Sahara Khatun inaugurated an election office for their DNCC mayor candidate.

On several occasions, AL leaders have demanded that MPs and ministers be allowed to take part in campaigns.

Election Commissioner Mahbub Talukdar on Monday urged the commission to issue a specific circular stating that lawmakers and ministers will not be able to take part in any election-related activity during the upcoming polls.

Meanwhile, BNP DNCC mayor candidate Tabith Awal campaigned in Badda, Notun Bazar, Shahjadpur, Noororchala and Baridhara areas yesterday.

Speaking to prospective voters in Merul Badda area, Tabith said he will work for solving issues like proper waste management, waterlogging and sewerage problems in the area, if elected.

BNP chairperson's adviser Joyal Abedin Faruk and other party leaders accompanied him.

DSCC

Yesterday, BNP mayor candidate Ishraque Hossain campaigned in Khilgaon, Sabujbagh and Mugda areas.

During the campaign, he blamed the government for not creating a "level playing field" for the election and promised to develop the neglected areas of DSCC, if elected mayor.

Meanwhile, AL mayor candidate Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh campaigned in Kamrangirchar area (Ward 55-57).

He made door-to-door visits, handed out leaflets to passers-by and spoke to locals about their problems.



**SAARC Development Fund**

**Vacancy Announcement**

for

**Assistant Director, Legal**

Applications for the above position are invited from the Nationals of SAARC Member States (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) for appointment at the SAARC Development Fund, Thimphu, Bhutan.

The Terms of Reference (TORs) and prescribed Application Form for the above-mentioned position is available on SDF website [www.sdfsec.org](http://www.sdfsec.org). Application Form, CV, copies of educational certificates and experience letters should be sent by email to [ceo@sdfsec.org](mailto:ceo@sdfsec.org) and [admin@sdfsec.org](mailto:admin@sdfsec.org) latest by **January 31, 2020**.

**Dr. Sunil Motiwal**  
Chief Executive Officer

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**Bangladesh**

**New Call for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) for rental of Office Space for WHO Bangladesh**

The World Health Organization (WHO) requires a suitable and highly secured office building with 20,000 square ft (approximate) for net internal usable space and parking space for 20 to 25 Station Wagons type vehicles on a rental basis (for multiple years) in Gulshan-1, Gulshan-2 or Baridhara areas. Preference will be given to Standalone/individual building premises or shared premises with individual entrance.

Proposed spaces/building must be in "ready to use" condition with all required amenities such as Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage, emergency exits, guard posts and provision for cafeteria, drivers room etc.

Interested Property Owners/Real Estate Companies meeting the above basic requirements are requested to submit their proposals as per the Expression of Interest (EOI) template, which can be collected from the Reception desk of WHO Country office for Bangladesh or downloaded from website <http://www.searo.who.int/bangladesh/procurement/tender/en/>. The deadline for submission of proposals along with duly completed EOI template in sealed envelopes is 14:00hrs 15 March 2020 in the Tender box addressing to WHO Representative to Bangladesh in the following address:


**The World Health Organization**

**United House (ground floor to 3rd Floor)**

**10 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka 1212**

Please note that only shortlisted proposals will be called for price quotations after the review of the EOIs applications by WHO. Any Interested Property Owner or Real Estate Company may submit applications for more than one property. In such cases, they shall use separate application for each property.

Any attempt to persuade any WHO Official/any unauthorized negotiation with WHO or any type of canvassing will lead to disqualification of the submission from the bidding process.



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