




# DELHI ASSEMBLY ELECTION AAP stuns Modi's BJP with huge win

Set to win 62 of the 70 seats; Congress gets none

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Followers of Delhi's governing Aam Aadmi Party (Common Man's Party or AAP) danced in the streets yesterday after inflicting a crushing defeat on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's right-wing party in a key election in the capital.



The poll was the first electoral test for Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party after it passed a controversial nationality law which opponents say is anti-Muslim.

With counting of votes nearing completion, the AAP won 52 seats and was leading in another 10 of the 70 constituencies, while BJP won 7 seats and was leading in another one, the Election Commission said yesterday.

In the last elections held in 2015, the incumbent AAP won 67 out of

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A health worker checks Chinese President Xi Jinping's body temperature as he inspects the novel coronavirus pneumonia prevention and control work in Beijing, capital of China, on Monday.

PHOTO: AFP

## TALKS WITH SAUDI Dhaka to seek help to stop visa trade

PORIMOL PALMA

Dhaka will seek Riyadh's assistance in stopping visa trade, an illegal practice that pushes up recruitment cost for Bangladeshi workers going to Saudi Arabia, as a joint commission meeting of the two countries begins in Dhaka today.

Protection of female domestic workers and insurance coverage for all Bangladeshi workers in the Kingdom will feature prominently at the meeting, according to officials of the

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## Family calls for release of Khaleda

Her physical condition very bad, says sister

UNB, Dhaka

Khaleda Zia's sister Selima Islam yesterday made a humanitarian call to the government for releasing the BNP chairperson from jail to pave the way for her advanced treatment.

"Her physical condition is very bad now. She is suffering from respiratory problem. She is almost unable to speak," Selima told reporters after meeting Khaleda at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

She called upon the

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## Good news for kidney patients

Dialysis unit to be set up in 44 district hospitals by 2022

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To better serve around two crore kidney patients across the country, the government is going to set up kidney dialysis and nephrology units in all medical college hospitals and district-level hospitals.

The existing facilities will be beefed up as part of the project.

The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecne) yesterday approved a project involving Tk 255.22 crore in a meeting held at the NEC Conference Room in city's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area.

Under the project, each of some 22 medical college hospitals will have a 50-bed kidney dialysis unit while each of some 44 district-level hospitals will have a 10-bed nephrology and dialysis unit.

The facilities will be established between January 2020

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## Suspected drug peddler killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A suspected drug trader was killed in a "gunfight" with detectives in Naogaon's Manda upazila early yesterday hours after he was arrested.

The dead, Aurangzeb

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### PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 12

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:25	12:45	4:30	5:57	7:15
JAMAAT 6:00	1:15	4:45	6:01	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



### FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

## 'Lethargy won't be tolerated'



**Bangabandhu pays a visit to various offices of Bangladesh secretariat on February 12, 1972.**

FEBRUARY 12, 1972  
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

**BANGABANDHU WARNS OFFICIALS**  
Bangabandhu warns the government officials against tardiness in attendance and says that Bangladesh has achieved its independence through the blood and tears of millions of countrymen and the government will not allow any lethargy on the part of the officials to stand in the way of national development. This warning comes from the Prime Minister during his surprise visit to some of the offices in the Bangladesh Secretariat in the morning.

**BANGLA UP TO SECONDARY LEVEL INTRODUCED**  
The Education and Cultural Affairs Ministry announces the

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## CO2 emissions from power generation flatten out: IEA

REUTERS, London

Global carbon dioxide emissions from power production flattened last year to 33 gigatonnes after two years of increase, even though the world economy expanded, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said yesterday.

The growth of renewable energy and fuel switching from coal to natural gas led to lower emissions from advanced economies. Milder weather in several countries and slower economic growth in some emerging markets also contributed, the agency said.

Late last year, international climate experts warned that global temperatures could rise sharply this century with "wide-ranging and destructive" consequences after greenhouse gas emissions hit record levels in 2018.

Governments face a deadline this year to set more ambitious emissions cut targets under the 2015 Paris Agreement, a global climate pact aimed at limiting global warming this century.

"We now need to work hard to make sure that 2019 is remembered as a definitive peak in global emissions, not

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“বাংলার মানুষ হাসবে, বাংলার মানুষ খেলবে”  
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