

Here and There

APSU finalises list of JP men nominated by BNP, AL

By DU Correspondent

The All Party Student's Unity (APSU) in an emergency meeting on Tuesday night finalised a list of Jatiya Party supporters nominated by the BNP and Awami League for the Parliamentary elections.

The APSU leaders called upon the BNP and Awami League to cancel their nominations. It warned that the students would resist them from contesting the polls.

The list of persons finalised by APSU includes, M K Anwar (Comilla-1), Rahimuddin Bhadsa (Rangpur-4), S. M. Lutfar Rahman (Shariatpur-2), Gazi Aziz Ferdous (Jhalakathi) and A. K. Khondokar (Bikrampur).

A. K. Khondokar was nominated by Awami League and the rest by BNP.

The APSU decided that if the two major political parties would deny cancel the nominations, they would announce the list and call upon the people not to cast their vote in favour of these persons.

Japan to train 100 recruits

Japan will recruit about one hundred Bangladeshis for one year duration to be attached as trainees in various trades of medium and small-scale industries of Japan, an official hand-out said here on Thursday, reports BSS.

This was agreed at a meeting held here recently between a 5-member Japanese delegation and the Ministry of Labour and Manpower.

The Japanese authority will send a delegation to Bangladesh in near future for selection of trainees.

HSC examinee commits suicide

A H. S. C examinee committed suicide by hanging himself at his residence Tuesday evening, family sources said, reports UNB.

Shahin (18), a H. S. C candidate Shahin College, hanged himself to the ceiling of his room with a rope after a quarrel with his mother.

He was immediately taken to a nearby clinic where the attending physicians declared him dead.

Police later recovered the body and sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

Nawab Salimullah's contribution recalled

The Islamic Foundation Wednesday organised a seminar in observance of the 76th death anniversary of Nawab Salimullah, reports BSS.

Eminent Educationist and Philosopher Dewan Md. Azraf presided over the seminar which was addressed by Chairman of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, Dr. Ashraf Siddiqi and Mr. Khalilur Rahman.

The speakers paid rich tributes to his memory and said the contribution of Nawab Salimullah to the welfare of the people.

NDI, BAMNA talk polls issue

The visiting representatives of the U.S. based National Democratic Institute (NDI) of International Affairs had wide ranging discussions on the election issues with the members of the Bangladesh Mukto Nirbachan Andolan (BAMNA) at its office in Dhaka Wednesday, reports BSS.

The NDI representatives apprised the BAMNA members of the electoral irregularities and how those were faced in different countries of the world, a BAMNA press release said.

The NDI representatives are, Mr. Durkan, Chairman, Social Democratic Party of Northern Ireland, Mr. Damaso Magbubal, Naaphrel, the Philippines, Mr. Eric Bjornlund and Mr. Curtis Vrendenburg.

The BAMNA members present, among others, were Justice K.M. Sobhan, Dr. Nilima Ibrahim, Ms. Aroma Goon, Dr. Saheuddin Ahmad, Dr. Hamida Hossain, Tara Rahman, and Ms. Munira Khan.

Anti-war rally demands foreign troop pullout

By Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Jan 17: Khulna District and City Unit of Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP) brought out a procession and held a rally here Tuesday against war in Gulf. The rally was addressed, among others, by Mr. Fazlur Rahman, Sheikh Ashrafuzzaman, Mr. Wahab Mia, MP, Mr. Ismail Hossain and Mr. Deen Mohammad. The speakers demanded immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Saudi land for resolving the Gulf crisis.

BNP Khulna District Unit held a rally protesting the attack on Rupsa Industrial Area unit office allegedly by the supporters of Awami League on Sunday.

The rally, held in the premises of the office, was addressed among others by Advocate Sheikh Razzak Ali, Amir Ezzaz Khan, Humayun Kabir and Muniruzzaman Mont.

The speakers called upon the people to vote for the nationalist forces in the ensuing parliamentary polls.

The Jatio Samik League and Awami Jubo League jointly held an election meeting here Wednesday at the Dada Match Works Factory premises.

Presided over by the president of the Dada Match Workers Union Anisur Rahman, the meeting was addressed by Mizanur Rahman, Rafiqur Rahman Rapon, Shahidul Islam Mintu and Ahsan Ali Raza. The speakers urged the voters to cast votes in favour of election symbol 'boat'.

Workshop on polls reporting concludes

The Second of the three workshops on election reporting concluded on Thursday at the Press Institute of Bangladesh, according to PIB press release.

Journalists from 24 daily newspapers from outside Dhaka participated in the workshop.

Constitutional experts, Election Commission officials and senior journalists conducted different sessions of the course.

The third and last 3-day workshop on the subject will begin on January 29, at PIB Bhaban. About 25 journalists are expected to participate.

Dateline Khulna

The factory was closed by the concerned authorities four months back. The workers also handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

The workers of Bangladesh Match Factory here on Wednesday gheroned the Deputy Commissioner's office demanding necessary actions to reopen the mills immediately.

The workers of seven Khulna Jute Mills went on a wild cat strike Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. to press home their demand for incentive bonus.

After a fruitful discussion between the C.B.A. leaders and mills authorities, the workers resumed their duties from 10 p.m.

A daring robbery was committed on January 16 in

Shishu Hospital in the city. A mother, who was with her ailing child in the hospital was robbed of her ornaments worth Tk. 7000 by a gang of miscreants. They also took away Tk. 250 from another woman of this hospital, according to hospital sources.

Nattaya Niketan

A meeting at the general body of Khulna Nattaya Niketan was held in the city recently at its office with Khan Ghulam Sarwar in the chair.

A 7-member Convening Committee was formed in the meeting with Mohammad Samiul Haq Mitha as convenor.



KHULNA: Candidates and supporters of different political parties and organisations gathered at the court compound on the last day of filing nomination papers for February 27 parliamentary elections. — Star photo.

Dateline Chittagong

Writings on walls, posters give port city festive look

from Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 17: Election campaign in the port city of Chittagong and its suburbs has gained momentum after the filing of nomination papers last Sunday, signalling tough contests in most constituencies here among the nominees fielded by the country's mainline political parties.

With the countdown for general election to be held for the first time under a caretaker government on February 27, the campaign is getting intensified gradually as the candidates now spontaneously become active with renewed spirit for canvassing.

The workers and supporters of the respective candidates are mounting publicity campaigns in their favour by organising meetings and processions in addition to other traditional ways of publicity like milking, wall-writing and pasting of posters, calling for favourable mandate.

Wall-writing and pasting of posters have given a festive look to what the past elections held during the last regime lacked in. Hardly is there any wall or building left in the city without carrying writings or posters in connection with the ensuing poll.

A government official said, it will cost a heavy amount of money to wipe out those writings and posters from different walls and buildings after election. The owner of a private road-side building said, he kept pending white-wash for his house considering such kind of election tempo.

Besides, this is high time for the printing presses here doing roaring business. Most of them have already gone for advance-booking for posters and manifestoes carrying attractive pictures of the political leaders and personalities.

Moreover, all gossips and discussions inside houses, offices, tea-stalls and transports

here centre round ensuing election hinting at victory of their respective candidates.

In Chittagong, at least 11 constituencies out of 15 could see tough contest as some potential and capable candidates had been set there from Awami League, BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami.

According to analysts, the tough electoral battle could be seen at Ctg.-6 (Raozan) involving Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, a former Minister and NDP leader, Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, youngest Minister of fallen Ershad's cabinet and Abdullah-Al-Harun, an AL leader, an ex-MP and elder brother of BNP's Chittagong city unit President Abdullah-Al-Noman, fighting at Ctg.-9 constituency.

At Ctg.-9 (Kotwali), the fight for the seat will involve mainly from Our Correspondent

A.B.M. Mohiuddin Chowdhury, General Secretary of Ctg. City Awami League, Abdullah-Al-Noman, City Unit President of Bangladesh Nationalist Party and Afsar Uddin Chowdhury of Jamaat-e-Islami.

At Ctg.-5 (Hathazari) the two arch rivals are Syed Wahidul Alam of BNP and Alhaj Nazim Uddin of AL.

Another hot constituency here is Ctg.-13 (Chandanaish) where the combatants are Col.(ret) Oli Ahmed, a prominent figure of BNP and Jafor Ahmed Chowdhury of AL, who has long-standing internal conflict with his party colleague Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury.

At Ctg.-12 (Anwara-West Pathya) the main contestant are Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury of AL, and Advocate Kabir Chowdhury of BNP.

At Ctg.-3 (Sandwip) A.K.M. Rafiqul Ullah of BNP will face a heavy contest from Mostafizur Rahman, an AL candidate and a banker.

Ctg.-1 (Mirasari) constituency could see a battle between M.A. Zinnah a BNP candidate and Editor of Dainik Dinkal and Mossarraf Hossain, an AL leader and former MP.

At Ctg.-2 (Sitakundul) K. Siddiqui, former minister and a leader of BNP is to fight with an AL candidate Abul Kasem Master.

Ctg.-7 (Rangunia) could see a battle between Gias Uddin Quader Chowdhury, a former MP, younger brother of Salauddin Quader and a NDP candidate and Sadek Nur Sikder, a candidate of AL.

At Ctg.-15 (Banskali) the contest mainly will be between advocate Abu Saleh of BNP and Sultanul Kabir Chowdhury of AL.

Two killed in road mishaps

By DMCH Correspondent

Two persons were killed in road mishaps and another's body was recovered in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mujibur Rahman, first year student of Tejgaon College, was seriously wounded after being hit by a mini bus at

Hajpara of Rampura in the city Tuesday. He succumbed to his injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Abdus Samad (50) was run over by a mini bus while crossing a road at Ultra on Tuesday.

Sukumar Roy, gardener of the Dhaka University's Shahidullah Hall, was found dead at the Green House of Ramna Park Wednesday.

All the bodies were sent to the DMCH for autopsy.



CHITTAGONG: A wooden symbol of boat in the port city. — Star photo.

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Table with columns for AIRLINES SCHEDULE. Lists arrival and departure times for various airlines.

ARRIVAL DEPARTURE

Large table showing arrival and departure schedules for various airlines and routes, including Dhaka-Chittagong, Dhaka-Rajshahi, Dhaka-Sylhet, etc.

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Table showing intercity train schedules with columns for Train, Departure, Arrival, and Day.

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