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Political parties urged to abide by code of conduct

CHITTAGONG, Feb 3: Five-Party leader and Ganotantrik Otkiya Jote candidate Moinuddin Khan Badal Saturday urged all political alliances and parties to strictly abide by the code of conduct to make the February 27 parliamentary elections meaningful, reports BSS.

Addressing several rallies in Boalkhal upazila here, he said political killing and conspiracy could be stopped for ever through establishment of democracy. He called upon the voters to elect honest and patriotic persons and heroes of the recent mass movement to parliament.

He also appealed to the voters to vote in favour of cycrickshaw.

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Govt Music College to be rehabilitated

Education Adviser Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said that the interim government would make all out efforts to rehabilitate the Government Music College in a better Accommodation, reports BSS.

The Adviser was speaking at a gathering of the students and teachers of the Government Music College here on Sunday. Nurun Nahar Begum, vice Principal of the college presided over the function.

Khaled Hossain, an instructor of the college and a Nazrul singer also spoke on the occasion highlighting different problems of the college, a PID handout said.

Prof. Siddiqui said this college would be developed into a unique institution in this field and hoped it would contribute a lot to the development of music of the country. He also assured all cooperations in the process of upgradation of the college.

Earlier the Education adviser was received at the college premises by the students through a chorus.

Attacks on Iraq condemned

The Islami Otkiya Andolon has condemned the United States-led multinational attacks on Iraq and demanded that the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) be given the responsibility to settle the conflict, reports BSS.

In a resolution adopted in the two-day meeting of the Majlis-e-Shoora of the party that ended Saturday, it demanded that Islamic forces be deployed in the disputed area and American forces withdrawn.

In another resolution, the meeting expressed full support to the Afghan Mujahideen and urged for Muslim unity for liberating Masjidul Aqsa from Zionist control.

C'wealth polls observers arrive today

A three-member Commonwealth team arrives in Dhaka today (Monday) on a prelude mission to oversee the February 27 parliamentary polls, reports UNH.

A foreign office spokesman Sunday said Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth Antony Siguru will lead the team.

The delegation will procure necessary information and materials during its weeklong "Assessment Tour" to Bangladesh that will help form the observers team to monitor the ensuing polls.

The Commonwealth Secretariat had earlier confirmed sending 10 member observer team to Bangladesh during the poll.

A 20-member observer team from the Washington based National Democratic Institute is expected to visit Bangladesh late this month on a similar mission.

Besides, a group of 30 observers from the SAARC countries is also likely to arrive here to oversee the election.

Call to maintain communal harmony

Relief Adviser Advocate B.K. Das has called upon the people to keep the unhampered existing communal harmony in the interest of the country's progress and prosperity, reports BSS.

He said country's constitution ensures the right of all citizens to follow their respective religions.

Mr. Das was addressing as the chief guest on the first day discussion of the Sree Sree Bandhu Basanti Mahantashv arranged in the premises of Prabhu Jagatbandhu Mahaprakash Math in Dhaka city Tuesday.

Lauding the devotion of the Mahanam Sampradaya, the adviser called upon them to contribute more to the people's service.

"If we follow the sermons of religious functions in our respective fields, our individual and social life will become highly beautiful", Mr. Das said. Turning to the coming polls, the adviser urged the people to extend their allout cooperation to the government for holding the February 27 parliamentary elections in a free and fair atmosphere.

He said, "for the first time in the country, an election is going to be held under an impartial caretaker government.



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Professor Murtaza Khan Mani giving away prizes to the winners of Kabi Jasimuddin Hall cultural competition on Sunday. Star photo

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Mr. Harun-ar-Rashid Chowdhury a JP candidate for Chittagong-10 constituency, attended both the meetings as the chief guest. Local leaders Dem Muhammad, Hayater Nubi Majumdar, Muhammad Ali, Bazur Rahman, SM Faruk, Pijosh Kumar Rakhit and others addressed the meetings.

Reception

Engineers Service Structure and

Welfare Committee (ESSWC) held a reception for eminent engineers at the Institution of Engineers Saturday, a press release said, reports BSS.

ESSWC Chairman Eng. A K M Fazlullah presided over the function. Prominent engineers Dr Md. Shahjahan, M Ruhul Matin, A K M Aminul Islam Chowdhury, M Fazlul Huq and ASM Bashrul Huq were present at the reception.

ESSWC also arranged a blood donation session on the occasion in cooperation with Chittagong Lions Blood Bank. A number of engineers donated blood.

Withdrawal

Mr Nur Ahmed, BKSAL candidate from Chittagong-2 (Sitakunda) constituency for the forthcoming parliamentary election withdrew his candidature Saturday in favour of Awami League candidate A B M Abul Kashem, reports BSS.

In a statement, Mr Ahmed said he took the decision to help Awami League in its drive to revive constitution of 1972 and try the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Death anniversary

The 25th death anniversary of Dr. Mahfuzul Huq, an educationist and language movement leader

was observed Saturday with due respect, reports BSS.

Dr. Mahfuzul Huq Smriti Sangsad held a discussion at the Feringhee Bazar Ward Auditorium with Mr. Sultan Ahmad Kushumpuri in the chair. Prof. Muhammad Khaled, Editor, Dainik Azadi was the chief guest on the occasion. Messrs. Ezzharul Huq, Advocate Kamaluddin Ahmad, Syed Mustafa Zamal and Samir Das took part in the discussion.

Dr. Mahfuzul Huq was an ideal teacher of Political Science of the Dhaka University. He died in a helicopter crash in 1966.

Chehlum

The chehlum of Farukuzzaman Faruk, a student of Chittagong University who died in the December 22 incident of the University, was held at his Sarafi Upazila home under Brahmanbaria district Friday, a Chhatra Otkiya press release said Sunday, reports BSS.

Among others CUCSU-VP Mohammed Nazimuddin attended the chehlum.

Addressing a rally after the chehlum the CUCSU-VP demand punishment to the killers of Faruk. Meanwhile, in a joint statement, CUCSU-VP Nazimuddin and G.S. Azimuddin expressed concern at the release of the alleged killers of Faruk.

492 tolas gold seized 5 Somalis arrested

Our Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 3: A total of 492 tolas of gold worth over taka 34 lakh was recovered by Benapole border Customs in last two days. Five Somalian ladies were also arrested in this connection. About 100 Somalian ladies came to Bangladesh via Bangkok in January and all of them carried unauthorised gold. Meanwhile, seven of their

accomplices managed to cross the border but they were arrested by Indian Customs with 150 tolas of gold.

It is learnt from their statement, they had chosen the way through Benapole border due to hard checking at Indian air port.

Mrs. Asha Ahmed Abdullah, 28, was arrested with 37 tolas and five rats of gold while crossing the border.

Besides, Friday at 9.30 am, four Somalian ladies, Mrs Batula Washim, 30, passport No 0097209, Mrs. Kin Mohammad, 38, passport No 0135143, Mrs. Kin Absir Ahmed, 30, passport No 0133805 and Mrs Fahduma Hossain Gullit, 35, passport No 0138177 were arrested and 345 tolas of gold worth Taka 24 lakh 78 thousand, 91 US dollars, 1,912 Indian rupees and 200 Thai baht were also seized from their possession. They were handed over to Sarsha Thana and the seized goods were deposited to Customs godown.

Mrs Kin Mohammad during interrogation said 100 Somalian woman entered into Bangladesh buying gold from Thailand. However, they were sent to Jessore central Jail under special arrangements.

Women's role in national economy stressed

RAJSHAHI, Feb 3: Presidential Adviser for Social Welfare, Women's Affairs, Youth and Sports Alamgir M A Kabir said that the women should play a vital role in our national economy through different development activities as women constitute half of our total population.

He was addressing the female youth trainees at the Youth Development Training Centre at Rajshahi Tuesday morning, says a PID handout. He urged the trainees to acquire the knowledge of the training course properly and spread it to their neighbours so that they as well as the neglected women of the society could be self-reliant and achieve socio-economic emancipation.

Fifty seven are taking part in the three month long training course on poultry farming and livestock development. The Youth Development Training Centre had so far provided training to a total of 2767 unemployed youths.

Later, the Adviser met the officials of some departments including Social Welfare, Women's Affairs, Youth development, Sports and Shishu Academy at Rajshahi air port lounge. In the meeting the Adviser was apprised about the ongoing programmes of the departments. He urged the officials to work with sincerity and dedication in their respective fields with the present resource constraints.

The Adviser also visited the eye hospital of Rajshahi Lions club and Rajshahi Government orphanage.

Commodity supply position satisfactory

The council committee on emergency management at a meeting held in Dhaka on Wednesday reviewed the supply position of essential commodities including petroleum products. It was found to be satisfactory, reports BSS.

The council committee presided over by Foreign Affairs Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed put emphasis on the implementation of earlier decision on austerity measures, such as, closure of shops, business organisations and markets at 7 pm and restrictions on plying of transports owned by government, semi-government and autonomous bodies and nationalised organisation on Fridays.

Expatriates from Kuwait, Iraq meet Shahabuddin

A seven-member delegation of the Welfare Council of Bangladesh returns from Kuwait and Iraq met the Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at the President's Secretariat in Dhaka on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Led by Sakhawat Hossain, the delegation narrated to him the plight of Bangladeshis following their sudden return from the two Gulf countries.

They submitted a 12-point memorandum to the Acting President describing the circumstances under which Bangladeshis had to return from Kuwait and Iraq.

They demanded, among others, government initiative for their rehabilitation.

They also urged the government to take up the matter of recovery of their assets with the governments of Iraq and Kuwait.

The Acting President gave them a patient hearing.

He assured them that he would look into their problems including that of registration and sale of the vehicles brought by them.

The Acting President told the delegation that he would also advise the Ministry of Labour and Manpower to look into their problems.

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20 parties fail to field candidates

Twenty political parties despite securing election symbols for the forthcoming parliamentary polls have not fielded candidates, official sources said Sunday, reports BSS.

Some followers of these parties are, however, contesting the elections as independent candidates with symbols of their own choice. Some even have preferred to face the face with symbols allotted to other parties outside the group of 20.

The parties and their allocated symbols are: Bangladesh Islamic Republican Party (pincapple), United Peoples Party (bullock cart), Krishak Srantik Party (solarium) (bicycle), Jatiya Islamic Dal (urban), Jihad Party (pitcher), Bangladesh Samajik Sangsad (mango), Bangladesh Janaganatantrik Dal (lamp), Naya Ganatantrik Jatiya Party (spectacles), Bangladesh Republican Party (table), Jatiya Ganatantrik Dal (Jagad) (wheel), Bangladesh Jatiya League (bucket), Bangladesh Gana Azadi League (Samad) (idhenki), Jatiya Palli Dal (duck), Krishak Srantik Party (Azul Huq Shahjahan) (power tiller), Otkiya (Prakira) (lion), Jatiya Biplobi Party (sparrow), Sant Dalya Sangrami Jote (papaya), Bangladesh Khadem Party (Jindabad) (apple), Bangladesh Sarbahara Party (rail engine) and Samata Party (scull).

The Election Commission has allocated 140 symbols

highly ever for any Jatiya Sangsad election so far. Ninety of them have been reserved for political parties while the rest 50 for the independent candidates.

A total of 2,702 candidates are in the race for the 299 seats of the Jatiya Sangsad. The nominations of 15 candidates were found valid in Gaibandha—One constituency where fresh nominations had to be invited following the death of one candidate there, the sources said.

The highest number of 36 candidates are vying for the Dhaka-Six constituency while the lowest four are contesting for the Faridpur-Four seat.

Shahabuddin felicitates Premadasa

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed felicitated President R. Premadasa of Sri Lanka on the occasion of his national day, reports UNH.

In a message of greetings Justice Shahabuddin expressed his firm conviction that the friendly relations existing between two countries would be further developed and strengthened in the years ahead.

The Acting President also wished peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Sri Lanka, says a PID handout.

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