

All set for holding a fair election: CEC

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, June 5: Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena today reiterated his firm determination that the June 12 Jatiya Sangsad election will be held in a free, fair and neutral manner.

"All preparations have been completed for holding a free and fair election and there should not be any doubt about it," he said.

The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) was addressing a meeting with candidates, political leaders, government officials and the elite of the four districts in Sylhet division. The meeting was also addressed by Divisional Commissioner Md Habibur Rahman.

The CEC called upon the political leaders and workers and members of law-enforcing agencies to put in their utmost efforts for maintaining peace and order during the election.

He urged them all to take special care so that the influence of illegal arms could not hamper the congenial atmosphere during the elections. Though a good number of illegal arms and ammunition had been recovered, the drive should be strengthened further, he asserted.

The CEC urged political parties to follow the election code of conduct strictly. "There is no alternative to this for holding a free and fair polls."

He also advised the parties

Hasina

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she had lost her father, mother and brothers.

During her day-long trip, she addressed rallies at Gaurnadi bus stand, Ajaljhara College ground, Paisarhat, Hat Gopalpur, Mostafapur, Tekerhat, Bhanga, Madhukhali, Boalmari, Alfadanga, Faridpur, Nagarkanda and also a number of wayside meetings.

Party candidates who spoke during the tour were: Abul Hasnat Abdullah (Bakerganj-1), Syed Abul Hossain (Madaripur-3), Shahjahan Khan (Madaripur-2), Dr Kazi Abu Yusuf (Faridpur-5), Sirajul Islam (Modhukhali-Boalmari), Lt Col (ret'd) Ferook Khan, (Kashiani), Mosharraf Hossain (Faridpur) and Syed Chowdhury (Nagarkanda).

Hasina who is staying at Tungipara tonight will visit some constituencies of Bagerhat and Khulna tomorrow (Thursday).

Attack on AL candidate

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 5: A half-day hartal, including the thana gherao programme, has been called at Sailkupa by the Awami League tomorrow.

The programme has been taken to protest the attack on the AL candidate for Jhenidah-1 constituency and AL president member, Mohammad Kamruzzaman.

Kamruzzaman was attacked allegedly by BNP workers at Tamaltala around 7-15 this evening. He was returning to Sailkupa by car after attending an election meeting at Penipur.

Salman

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contest the election only on the basis of the stay order.

The division of the HC comprising Justice Qazi Shafiquddin and Justice Syed J R Modassir Hussain by the judgement dated May 30 on Dr Kamal Hossain's writ petition set aside the order of the Returning Officer accepting Salman's nomination paper and the order of the Election Commission expressing its inability to review the said order of acceptance.

The HC also sent back the matter to the EC on remand for its disposal in accordance with law and in the light of the observations made in the judgement.

The HC judgement held that the EC has power to review the order passed by any of its functionaries.

According to the writ petition, the then Returning Officer of Dhaka metropolitan city, in spite of receiving reports from the Ministry of Finance and the Eastern Bank Ltd contending that Salman is a bank loan defaulter, accepted Salman's nomination paper.

Upon an appeal of Dr Kamal the EC observed that the order of the Returning Officer was "unfortunate and self-contradictory."

The Returning Officer was later removed from office following alleged irregularities.

Yesterday Barrister Amir-ul Islam submitted that the HC merely re-enforced the election process by giving a direction for doing a lawful scrutiny which Salman managed to evade.

Dr Md Zahir appeared for the Solitech International Ltd and Barrister Rokenuddin Mahmood represented the Eastern Bank Ltd.

Barrister Rafique-ul Huq and Mahmudul Islam, both are Senior Advocates moved for Salman F Rahman.

Six killed, 60 injured in road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

Six persons were killed and more than 60 injured in road accidents in Manikgonj, Savar and Faridpur yesterday.

According to UNB, four people died and 60 others sustained injuries in two road accidents on the Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday afternoon.

Police said a head-on collision between a coach and a minibus in front of Dhamrai Bus Stand left three passengers dead and 40 injured. The dead were identified as Rahela, 40, Sattar, 10 and Rashid, 18.

In another accident, the driver of a Dhaka-bound coach was killed when it fell into a roadside ditch near Kohinor Spinning Mills at Savar.

Twenty people were injured in the accident. They were sent to different hospitals at Dhamrai and Dhaka.

Our Faridpur Correspondent reports: Two persons were killed and a woman was injured critically in two road

Body to probe ZIA bldg collapse

By Staff Correspondent

The Civil Aviation authorities have formed an enquiry committee to probe the collapse of an underconstruction building at Zia International Airport (ZIA) on Tuesday. At least 15 persons were injured in the incident.

The persons injured in the incident were working at the site when the accident occurred. After the accident, the contractors had left the scene, an official of the airport said.

Attack on GF polls rally: One killed

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, June 5: A terrorist attack on a Gano Forum (GF) election rally at Kazipara Haat in Gopinathpur under Gopalganj Sadar Thana last night left one person dead and at least ten others injured.

Raushan Kazi, a GF activist, died on the spot and ten others were wounded, when a group of unidentified terrorists, armed with sharp weapons, attacked the rally around 11 pm.

Four of the wounded - Sharif Nausher Ali, Kazipara GF president Zahid Kazi, Shahidul Kazi and Nazim Kazi - have been admitted to the Gopalganj Sadar Hospital.

accidents at Chhonda on the Faridpur-Kamarkhali highway yesterday.

One Jalal Uddin Khan, 75, died on the spot when he was hit by a Jessore-bound truck.

In another accident at the same place a minor boy was killed and his mother injured when they were run over by another vehicle. Ahad, 6, died on the spot. The injured was admitted to the Faridpur hospital.

Separate cases have been lodged with police.

EC warns 14

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(Laxmipur-3) of AL to remove all graffiti immediately.

It further ordered Jamaat-e-Islami leader Nurul Amin in Pirojpur-1 constituency to immediately remove all graffiti.

The EC warned the above-mentioned people would be fined if they failed to abide by its order.

In another development, the EC snubbed the BNP candidate in Jhalakati-1, Major (ret'd) Shahjahan Omar, and AL supporter in the same constituency Abdul Mannan for filing false allegation. It also asked the two to refrain from lodging such false allegation in future.

According to officials, Shahjahan Omar had filed allegation against Abdul Mannan while Mannan against BNP activists. Both the cases proved false.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka district electoral enquiry committee yesterday issued show cause notices against three candidates of Awami League and BNP, including former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, for violating the election code of conduct.

The committee asked BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, BNP candidate in Dhaka-11 Ekhlas Mollah and Awami League candidate in Dhaka-9 Alhaj Mokbul Hossain to reply either personally or through their representatives at its office at 2 pm on June 9, said an official handout.

In Faridpur, Awami League leader Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury who is contesting from Faridpur-2 (Nagarkanda) constituency, was censured by the Electoral Inquiry Committee (EIC) here yesterday.

The EIC today also warned another Awami League candidate, Khandaker Mosharrat Hossain, contesting from Faridpur-3.



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Myanmar citizen held with arms

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COX'S BAZAR, June 5: Police arrested a Myanmar citizen along with a firearms and some ammunition from Cox's Bazar bus stand early today. Mohammad Islam, 36, a resident of Buthidaung thana in Akyab district of Myanmar was arrested from the bus stand with a SMG and 240 bullet, reports UNB.

Mayeedul

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vision of the Supreme Court which was heard on June 4.

Ershad has been found guilty and sentenced for different terms in several cases against which he preferred appeals. These appeals are still pending in the Supreme Court.

Earlier the Supreme Court held that appeal is continuance of trial and also a statutory right.

Khaleda

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(Pabna-2) and Major (Ret) Manjur Quader (Pabna-1) at the meetings in their respective constituencies.

Begum Zia will make night halt at Sirajganj and begin second day's electioneering tomorrow morning in some other northern districts including greater Bogra.

Solarz

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Washington Tuesday, Solarz expressed confidence that the 200 international observers who will travel to Bangladesh next week will coordinate efforts and maximise the potential that can be achieved by the June 12 elections.

Solarz predicted a "free and fair" election in Bangladesh even if some irregularities do occur because, he said, the democratic process is supported by the majority of the people of Bangladesh. If the people and the observers "conclude that the election was free and fair it would be difficult for those who lost to contest it," he said.

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EC relaxes ban on British beef exports

BRUSSELS, June 5: The European Commission agreed today to lift the ban on exports of the British beef by-products and issued an "urgent appeal" to Britain to abandon its policy of obstruction of EU business, reports AFP.

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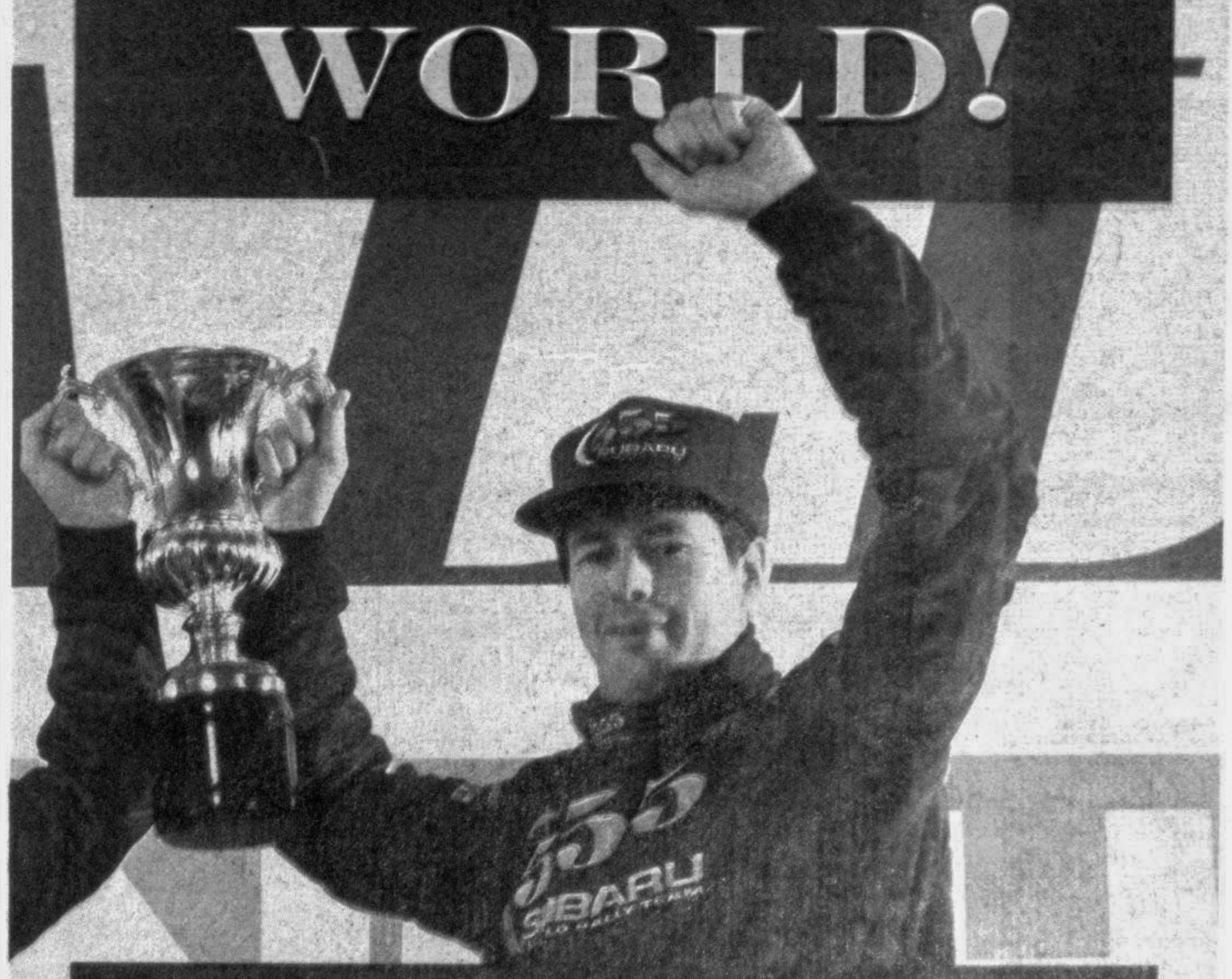
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