

### Newsmen urged to help hold fair polls

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Emajuddin Ahmad yesterday urged newsmen to help hold the June 12 elections in a free and fair manner through objective journalism, reports UNB.

He was speaking as chief guest at a Round-Table discussion on "The Role of Media in Holding Free and Fair Election" at the Jatiya Press Club. The discussion, sponsored by Bangladesh Media Watch, was conducted by its chief coordinator Amir Khasru.

Presided over by Press Club president Reaz Uddin Ahmed, the round table was participated by Chairman of Board of Editors of the daily Ittefaq Barrister Moinul Hossain, Weekly Holiday editor AZM Enayetullah Khan, The Independent editor Mahbubul Alam, Weekly Jai Jai Din editor Shafiq Rahman, and senior journalists ABM Musa, Sadeque Khan and Zahur Haq.

Stressing the need for objectivity and accountability while presenting facts, Prof. Emajuddin said: "Reporting devoid of ethics, tantamounts to falsification."

### Zaker Party to establish secularism

The chairman of Zaker Party, Mostafa Amir Fayzal, has said his party wants to coordinate between 'Islam' and 'progressive nationalism' and establish an example of secularism in the country.

Speaking at public meetings at Charchhadrasan and Sadarpur thana of Faridpur district yesterday he said the people of this district had been deprived of their basic rights since long.

"Elect our candidate to achieve economic freedom and to enjoy other rights," Fayzal urged the local people.

### 5 lakh scouts to be engaged in polling booths

The Bangladesh Scouts have decided to participate in the ensuing parliamentary election, says a press release.

Some five lakh Scouts and Rovers will be engaged to assist the electioneering body in the polling centres.

Under the banner "Casting vote is the basic right of every citizen" Scouts will hold rallies in every district and region. On June 12 they will help the local administration and law-enforcing agencies in making queues of voters, helping women, aged and disabled persons to reach the polling centre, distributing drinking water etc.

### NGO to help update curriculum for pre-pry classes

A local NGO, affiliated with World View International Foundation, in collaboration with Bangladesh Kindergarten Association has initiated a programme to standardise the syllabi and curricula for pre-primary classes, according to sources.

Besides that the programme also includes publication of text-books and support material for those classes and training of teachers.

Comparing the existing situation of the pre-primary schools with that of the primary schools sources said that, there were 16,000 private, 50,000 government primary schools, while all the pre-primary schools are private. The number of pre-primary schools according to sources is 15,000.

Training of teachers for the primary schools is disseminated through 52 government-run institutes while no such institute existed for the pre-primary level, sources added.



Recipients of Bangladesh Shishu Academy Sahitya Puraskar BS 1401 and Agrani Bank Shishu Sahitya Puraskar for BS 1399 and 1400 at a simple ceremony in the city yesterday. — Star photo

### Dr Kamal for consensus on nat'l issues

Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday appealed to all to initiate the process of hammering out a national consensus on major national issues, reports UNB.

He underscored the urgency of evolving politics on the basis of the spirit of liberation struggle and of giving up the politics of destruction, conspiracy and conflict.

"Let us form a united platform with pro-liberation and pro-democracy forces as its pillars," he said.

He made this announcement in his address to the nation over radio and television last night prior to parliamentary election on June 12.

Dr Kamal called for eliminating the curse of unemployment by creating new job opportunities for all able-bodied youths.

He stressed the need for augmenting investments to help raise national growth rate to 7 per cent.

Dr Kamal called for separation of the judiciary from the executive, establishment of efficient and accountable administration and its decentralisation, reorganisation of local governments by elected representatives of people.

Stressing the need for spread of education across the country, the Gano Forum chief underlined the need for introduction of free universal education compulsory for all.

He said if voted to power, his party will impart vocational training to the youths and extend to them loans keeping their certificates as collateral to enable them to have self employment.

### Democracywatch survey reveals AL leads BNP by 2 pc: 13 pc hangs in the balance

Compared to our survey in May more voters are now opting for candidate's education intellect as the foremost qualification," commented Rehman.

The survey found that AL was drawing more support from literate, professionals, businessmen, employees and unemployed voters while BNP trying to woo the farmers, students and housewives.

The aged and the rich favoured AL while majority of the youths and the poor would cast their votes for BNP, the survey said.

While urban voters are equally split between AL and BNP, the poll suggests a minor shift in favour of AL among the rural voters.

Asked if the election would be peaceful, 85 per cent of the respondents replied in the affirmative while six per cent in the negative.

A total of 63 per cent of the respondents said that army should be deployed to maintain peace during the election while 23 per cent rejected the idea.

In response to a question as to what would be the state of the country after the election, 68 per cent of the respondents said "better," eight per cent same as before, and three per cent "worse". Some 21 per cent of the respondents are not sure about the post-election situation.

"Compared to our survey in May, this shows voters are now more optimistic about the future," Rehman observed.

The ultimate results may be decided by a large number of voters (13 per cent) who have not yet made up their mind. However, the class composition of voters (illiterate, farmers, students and housewives) may favour in the election day," Rehman observed.

Thirty-eight per cent of respondents considered education, intellect and honesty, 26 per cent party nomination, 25 per cent development work in the constituency and six per cent family background as the criteria before voting for a candidate.

### SBA candidate pledges uplift of Dhamrai

Samridha Bangladesh Andolon (SBA) candidate in Dhaka-13 constituency Alhaj Iqbal Ahmed yesterday said if elected he will make Dhamrai a prosperous area, reports UNB.

Addressing an election rally at Khushuria in Dhamrai yesterday Iqbal said the people of the area can change their lot and attain prosperity through concerted efforts.

He urged the people to vote for "fish" the election symbol of SBA to ensure development of Dhamrai area.

The meeting was attended, among others, by former Upazila chairman Shariful Islam Sharif, president of Dhamrai thana BNP advocate Abu Taleb and chairman of Dhamrai Union Parisad Nazimuddin Manju.

### New body formed

A new body styled Jikatala Society for Social and Environment Development has been formed with MA Hamid as its convener and Capt. Badaruddin Ahmed Chowdhury as joint convener, according to a press release issued Friday night.

Toufik Ahmed Rahman has been elected the secretary of the organisation. Other office bearers are Naser Khan, finance secretary, Rashedul Hasan, office secretary, the release added.



Khawaja Asad Maqbool Ahmed (left), representative of Khawaja Maqbool Ilaahi and Ms Saira Trust of Pakistan presenting a button stitch machine to UCEP Director Dr Ahamudullah Mia as a donation to garments unit of UCEP Dhaka Technical School, at a simple ceremony in the city recently. — UCEP photo

### Bangladesh Railway/West CORRIGENDUM

Dated: 08-06-96

Due to unavoidable circumstance selling date and opening date of the following tender against Controller of Stores/Western Zone, Rajshahi's International Tender Notice No SALE-9608, Dated: 21-05-96 is carried out as under:

Tender No	Read		For	
	Selling date	Opening date	Selling date	Opening date
SALE-9625	29-05-96	19-06-96	29-05-96	09-06-96
&				
SALE-9626	18-06-96		08-06-96	

All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

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Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi

### Transfers, postings

The government Friday ordered transfer and posting of a large number of high officials, reports UNB.

Managing Director of Jibon Bima Corporation Azad Ruhul Amin was appointed Additional Secretary to the Commerce Ministry.

Additional Secretary to the Commerce Ministry M Nazrul Islam was transferred to Information Ministry.

Managing Director of Film Development Corporation Khan Amir Ali was appointed Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Officer on Special Duty (Joint Secretary) Mohammad Haris was appointed Member (Administration) of the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority on deputation with his service placed under the energy ministry.

General Manager of Export Processing Zone authority Mohammad Saifuzzaman was appointed Registrar of Joint Stock Company on deputation.

Registrar of Joint Stock Company Azizur Rab Majumdar was appointed Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Industries.

The contract-basis appointment of Chief Controller of Export Import NW Khaddaker was extended upto Feb 27, 1996.

The services of Maj Gen Abu Kaiser Fazlul Kabir, Director General on deputation in Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), were replaced under Bangladesh Army.

Gen Syed Muhammad Ibrahim was appointed Director General of BISS on deputation with his job placed under Foreign Ministry.

Retired Judge of High Court and Member of Law Reforms Commission Justice Nayeem Uddin Ahmed was given the charge of Chairman of the Commission in addition to his present post, till the appointment of a chairman.

Additional district judge Kazi Habibul Awaiz, Member of the 2nd Court of Settlement under Housing and Public Works Ministry, was transferred as Secretary of the Law Reforms Commission on deputation.

Besides, District Judge of Projoipur M Abdul Rezaque was appointed Chairman of the 2nd Labour Court of Dhaka, District Judge of Sunamganj Belaluzaman Muhammad Saleh as Chairman of 1st Labour Court of Dhaka and District Judge of Rangpur Azizur Rahman as Chairman of 2nd Labour Court of Chittagong on deputation.

### Weather

#### Light rainfall forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal divisions in the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days, Met Office predicted increase in rainfall activity. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen forecast that south-west monsoon may sweep over the country.

Country's highest temperature 34.6 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangpur and Satkhira, and the lowest 22.2 degrees at Khulna, Barisal and Srimangal.

Meantime, Rangpur experienced the highest 71 mm rain in the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday. Khulna had 54 mm rain, Rajshahi 37, Barisal 27, Jessore 22, Sylhet 19, Dinajpur 17, Dhaka 12 and Faridpur 11 mm shower during the period.

The sun sets today at 6:46 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5:10 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday are:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.2	23.6	69	70
Chittagong	33.5	23.7	75	75
Rajshahi	32.3	22.4	80	71
33.5	22.2	—	—	
Barisal	33.0	22.2	76	79
Sylhet	33.7	23.5	74	63
Cox's Bazar	26.4	23.0	73	—

### What's on today . . . .

**Management workshop:** Carl Duisberg Samity has organised a workshop on management in cooperation with Goethe Institut Dhaka. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

**BSP meet:** An emergency meeting of the Bangladesh Sangbadpar Parishad (BSP) will be held. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 5 pm.

### Attack on AL polls camp

A group of unidentified attacked an election camp of Awami League candidate from Dhaka-6, Saber Hussain Chowdhury, in city's Purana Paltan area Friday night, said a press release.

Quoting local party leaders, the release said that a number of terrorists from a nearby BNP camp carried out the attack, injuring several AL activists.

A case was lodged with Motijheel Thana. When contacted police, however, said no such case was filed.

Meanwhile, the press release alleged that some terrorists from a BNP procession beat up a Jubo League worker while he was campaigning for Saber Hussain Friday afternoon.



Prof M Shahjahan, Vice-Chancellor, BUET delivering his speech as chief guest at a function organised by the Department of Chemical Engineering, BUET in observance of Chemical Engineering Day '96 at BUET central auditorium Friday. — BUET photo

### Showcase on 3 candidates for violating COC

The electoral enquiry committee of Dhaka district has served show cause notices on three candidates for violating some clauses of the election code of conduct (COC), according to an official hand-out, reports BSS.

The committee served the notices, on the basis of separate charges, on Bangladesh Nationalist Party nominee Mohammad Eklas Molla of Dhaka-11 constituency, Awami League nominee Alhaj Makhbul Hossain of Dhaka-9 seat and chairperson of Bangladesh Nationalist Party Begum Khaleida Zia.

They have been asked to be present on June 9 at 2 pm at the committee office personally or through their nominated representatives.

### BNP to distribute brochure among polls observers

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has decided to distribute a printed brochure among the international poll observers and overseas journalists, according to party sources.

The 44-page English language brochure will contain among other things the party's election manifesto, its history, its contribution to the "Advancement" of the country and a photograph of the party chief Khaleida Zia, the sources said.

The book-let has already been printed," a BNP leader told this correspondent Friday adding that the party would start distributing the booklet within a couple days.

### Training course on childhood edn

A six-day training course on "Childhood Education" for kindergarten teachers and those involved in pre-primary level education began in the city, Friday reports UNB.

Adviser for Education, Youth and Sports, and Cultural Affairs Prof Shamsul Haq inaugurated the course as chief guest.

Organised by the Worldview Institute of Childhood Education (WICE) the inaugural session of the course was also addressed by Worldview Bangladesh chairman Dr KM Sirajul Islam and faculty member Prof Sultana Zaman.

Addressing the function the Adviser urged the government and the non-government organisations to introduce curriculum for children considering the local reality.

Twenty-two in-service and pre-service teachers and trainees are taking part in the course.

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