



AL candidate wins Faridpur-4 by-election

Saleha Begum of Awami League won the by-election in Faridpur-4 constituency held yesterday, according to unofficial results announced by the Election Commission, reports UNB.

She bagged 67,150 votes while her nearest rival Mustafa Amir Faisal of Zaker Party secured 1,488 votes.

The turn out of voters was 51.84 per cent, said the announcement.

It said Nasiruddin Ahmed Musa polled 593 votes, Krishak Mohammad Sadeq 539 and Moniruzzaman Titu 727.

The Parliament seat fell vacant following death of Advocate Mosharraf Hossain, husband of Saleha Begum.

Sale of vetch banned

By Staff Correspondent

The government yesterday banned sale of vetch and ordered its withdrawal from the market.

The government directed the authorities concerned, including city corporations, municipalities and district administrations to stop sale of vetch and withdraw it from the market as per Article 7 of Pure Food Ordinance, 1959, according to an official announcement.

"Fax messages have been sent to all Deputy Commissioners to take immediate steps in this regard," a Health Ministry official said.

As a preliminary step vetch will be seized if found selling in the open market, he said.

The government banned import of the item on October 17

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	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4:45	5:15
Zohr	12:45	1:30
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Maghrib	5:30	5:35
Esha	7:15	7:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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Fresh attack, rampage: Patients helpless

Doctors at DMCH go on indefinite strike

By Staff Correspondent

Doctors at Dhaka Medical Hospital went on an indefinite strike from yesterday morning in protest against a fresh attack on doctors at the hospital Tuesday midnight.

Admission of patients including those from emergency department came to a halt as doctors refused to attend patients protesting the attack on four doctors at the casualty ward.

All scheduled operations at the hospital were cancelled till further decision of DMCH internal doctors association, Teachers Association of the DMCH and the Medical Teachers Federation.

"We will not attend duties till the authorities ensure security and proper working atmosphere at the hospital," said A K M Mosharraf Hossain, General Secretary of the Teachers Association.

"The doctors assaulted and injured were identified as Dr Saifullah, Dr Mosabir, Dr Ab-

dul Matin and Dr Nayan. The nurse on duty at the ward somehow escaped but two other nursing staff and a sweeper were also injured in the attack, witnesses said.

According to witnesses, four doctors at the casualty ward were beaten by attendants of an injured patient — Shamsul Haq Selim, 34, a city AL leader. The emergency admission slip or NOD ticket for him, however, recorded 'patient is brought dead'.

Selim, still alive, was admitted to casualty ward through the emergency wing, witnesses said quoting his attendants.

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We also called Ramma police

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Police deployed in front of the Emergency Wing of DMCH (left) and patients waiting near Out-patient Department of — Star photo

City AL leader shot dead: Doctors at DMCH 'assaulted'

By Staff Correspondent

An Awami League leader was murdered by a group of armed assailants on Tipu Sultan Road in the old city late Tuesday night.

The dead was identified as Shamsul Haq alias Selim, 35, a leader of Ward No 74 unit of Awami League, police and hospital sources said.

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Wife of murdered city AL leader Selim (inset) wailing. — Star photo

Tame draw

By Sports Reporter

Vikram Solanki blasted a superb 185 as the three-day match between England A and Bangladesh ended in a tame draw at the M A Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Solanki's effort, who with tail-lender James Kirtley added 115 for the eighth wicket, helped England A make 388, a first-innings lead of 73.

The 23-year-old, 106 not out at the start of third and final day's play, struck seven sixes and 20 fours in total as he and Kirtley (32) took the score from 269 for seven.

Bangladesh first innings hero Habibul Bashar, who scored an equally magnificent 143 on Monday, removed both in quick succession before Enamul Haque snared Alamgir Sheryar for one, the left-arm spinner finishing with four wickets.

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Siddiqui denied gamchha

By Staff Correspondent

Non-party candidate Kader Siddiqui was denied gamchha, the symbol he wanted for the Tangail-8 parliamentary by-election scheduled for November 15, in a ruling by the returning officer yesterday.

Gamchha (thin cotton towel widely used in rural Bangladesh) is one of the 15 added by the Election Commission to the list of election symbols.

Nor was gamchha granted to any of the 21 other applicants as returning officer Mollah Wahiduzzaman, also deputy commissioner of Tangail, yesterday distributed election symbols among 32 candidates in the crucial by-polls.

It was Siddiqui who had proposed gamchha as an election symbol and convinced the authorities to put it on the recently-expanded list of symbols. He had also based his election code on gamchha.

Earlier, the two-member committee, headed by Sub-Judge Shahidullah Bakaul, heard the major contenders in the elections — Abdul Kader Siddique and Shawkat Momen Shahjahan.

Kader Siddique, accused Home Minister Mohammad Nasim, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Prime Minister's adviser Khandaker Asaduzzaman of violating electoral codes.

The Electoral Enquiry Committee for parliamentary by-elections in Tangail-8 constituency yesterday found that some ministers had violated electoral code of conduct and recommended to the Election Commission that warnings be issued against them, EC sources said.

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Tripartite body planned to look after EPZ workers

By Rafiq Hasan

A tripartite committee will be formed to look after the interest of workers and employees in the Export Processing Zones (EPZs).

The committee will have representation from investors, the government and workers, said the sources at Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).

The sources said such a decision came after a series of meetings between the US ambassador in Dhaka and owners of EPZ factories on introduction of trade unions in the privileged areas.

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Four charged for planting bombs

By Court Correspondent

Four persons were charged yesterday for planting an anti-tank mine at the Janakantha Bhaban and grenades at Masjidul Ferdous in the capital on October 8.

Charges were brought against two leaders and two activists of Markazul Islam — suspected by police of having links with international terrorist organisations — who were already arrested and taken on remand for interrogation by the Detective Branch.

Shahidul Islam and Saeed Al Misbah, leaders of Markazul Islam, were shown arrested yesterday on charges of planting an anti-tank mine at the Janakantha Bhaban.

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DCC rejoinder & our reply

The Dhaka City Corporation in a rejoinder has contested the report published in The Daily Star under the headline 'Misappropriation of crores of taka detected' on October 23.

The rejoinder said that the report in respect of the Environment Development Project of DCC was not based on facts, figure and actual position. "It appears that the news was published intentionally to damage

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Tangail-8: Some ministers violated code of conduct, says probe body

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