



Ctg election office shifted for security reasons

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Dec 12: Chittagong election office has been shifted temporarily to Zila Parishad Building from Jamal Khan area, election office source said.

Deputy election commissioner Sirajul Islam told this correspondent that the decision was taken for security reason.

He said that nomination papers for Chittagong City Corporation polls would be received tomorrow and scrutinized the day after at the temporary office at Zila Parishad building under strong security.

"We will sit there tomorrow and the day after," he added.

Sources said, the Election Commission was forced to take the step against the backdrop of bomb attack on its office at Jamal Khan Road on Thursday night.

Meanwhile, 25 nomination papers have so far been distributed for one mayoral post while 762 nomination papers for 41 ward commissioners posts and 137 for 14 reserved seats for women, election office sources said.

Ctg docs vow to continue strike till culprits are punished

From Our Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Dec 12: Medical services at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) and Chittagong General Hospital remained suspended mounting the suffering of the common people as doctors continued to abstain from work today.

They are protesting assault on an ENT professor and doctor of CMCH Dr Nilkanta Bhattacharya by some armed miscreants at his chamber.

On the second day of the second phase of agitation today the medical services at other private and government hospitals were also remained suspended for two hours beginning from 11 am as part of the programme.

Doctors only attended "emergency" patients at CMCH and general hospital during this time.

A "protest" meeting was held at the control room set up at CMCH with BMA Chittagong President Dr LA Quaderi in the chair at noon. The speakers vowed to continue their programme until the culprits were detained and punished.

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Sehri, Iftar timings

Ramadan	Dec	Sehri	Iftar
4	13		5-17
5	14	5-08	5-17
6	15	5-09	5-17

Prayer Timings

December 13		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-6	5-12
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-42	4-00
Maghrib	5-16	5-22
Tarabi	7-00	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Testament to tragedy and dreams

ML Falguni salvaged 63 bodies recovered so far

Star Report

At least 63 bodies were recovered since ML Falguni sank in the Meghna near Bhola on Saturday.

Forty bodies were found near Bhola till Saturday night while 23 were recovered yesterday from Char Gazaria, Char Jahiruddin, Char Pata and Char Meghna areas.

More than 100 people were still missing, according to UNB and our Barisal Correspondent.

BIWTC sources told the news agency that the vessel, which had no route permit sailed from Badarhat Steamer Ghat in Ramgati for Doulatkhan in Bhola on Saturday at 6:30 am.

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9-hr countrywide hartal today: Ctg to observe 36-hr shutdown

By Staff Correspondent A 9-hour countrywide hartal is scheduled to begin at 6 am today at the call of the BNP-led opposition alliance to protest "unilateral" announcement of Chittagong City Corporation polls schedule.

The alliance had called a 10-hour hartal on December 9 in support of a 36-hour hartal called in Chittagong city earlier by its unit there to resist submission of nomination papers. Today's countrywide hartal hours were reduced by one hour in view of the Ramadan. The liaison committee yesterday revised the hartal hours. Hartal hours in Chittagong will however remain unchanged.

The Election Commission announced the CCC election schedule on December 7, fixing December 13 for submission of nomination papers and January 3 for the polls.

Today's hartal would be the first in the month of Ramadan since Awami League came to power. The AL had called a half-day hartal during Ramadan

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4 parties hold rally at Ctg Processionists go on rampage: 20 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 12: At least 20 people including a policeman were injured as violence erupted when supporters of the BNP-led four party opposition alliance brought out a procession after a rally at Laldighi Maidan here this afternoon.

The rally was held in protest against Chittagong City Corporation polls, scheduled for January 3.

Constable Rezaul Islam of Kotwali thana was admitted to police hospital with bomb injury.

The trouble began at about 5 pm as some bombs went off near Kotwali thana while the procession was passing by, witnesses said.

The processionists went on a rampage, damaging vehicles as people ran for safety. At that time, some unruly processionists beat newsmen and chased them with lethal weapons at Laldighi Maidan here this afternoon.

Two of them, Rafiqul Bahar of The Prothom Alo and Huda Uddin Chowdhury of The Daily

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15 journalists assaulted

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 12: At least 15 journalists were assaulted at the public meeting of opposition alliance at Laldighi Maidan here this afternoon.

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The party leaders and supporters then arranged a Janaza in Devarpar area under Doublemoringh thana.

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Selim buried Ctg BNP barred from funeral procession

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 12: The body of Juba Dal leader Md Selim was buried here this afternoon after a tug-of-war between police and BNP leaders, sources said.

It all happened when police refused to hand over the body to BNP and Juba Dal leaders who planned to hold namaj-e-Janaza at Laldighi Maidan after a funeral procession, sources said.

A large number of police, mostly in riot gear, cordoned the house of Selim at Devarpar in the city where his body was taken after post mortem.

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'Death threats' to Shahjalal Varsity VC, Proctor

Outsiders enter campus, hold rally

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 12: The situation at the Shahjalal University of Science & Technology is again getting tense.

The varsity authorities today lodged three separate GDS with Sylhet Kotwali thana after the Vice Chancellor, Dr Jafar Iqbal and Proctor Nazmul Ashraf received three separate "death threats" through courier service, said an official.

In the letters, the VC and the Proctor were threatened with death for their failure to withdraw the names of halls and buildings of the varsity.

The official said that about 120 outsiders, riding on 50 motorbikes, entered the campus today. They held a meeting and brought out a procession on the campus and chanted slogans against the VC and Proctor. The on-duty police team did not

prevent the outsiders from entering the campus, the official alleged.

Meanwhile, the varsity authority in a press release today contradicted a version of the Sylhet district administration which said that the varsity officials in the tripartite meeting at the DC's office on December 10 agreed to discuss the names for the halls and buildings suggested by the All Party Action Committee (Opposition) in the next Syndicate meeting. The varsity officials did not sit in any meeting at the DC's office, said an official.

They held a rally on the campus with Shahjalal University Central Students Union VP and JCD leader Kamrul Ahmed Kaberi in the chair.

District JCD president Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and Sylhet town Shibir president Selim Uddin also spoke at the rally.

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CCC elections HC showcase on CEC, 3 others

From Staff Correspondent

The High Court yesterday issued rule upon the Chief Election Commissioner and three others to show cause why the notification pertaining to Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) election scheduled for January 3 shall not be declared to be contrary to the fundamental rights and the tenets of Islam, sources said.

The rule was made returnable within seven days.

The Division Bench comprising Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury and Justice Mohammad Abdul Aziz refused to order staying the process of election.

The court, however, observed that the petitioner is at liberty to pray for a stay before the vacation bench of the High Court. The court goes on winter vacation from December 14.

The rule came upon a writ petition filed by Shamsul Alam, Commissioner of Ward No 12 of the CCC.

Moving the petition, Barrister Maudud Ahmed and noted lawyer Khandokar Mahbubuddin pleaded for a stay of the election process.

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