



Different political parties have erected makeshift election camps even on the pavements in many areas of the city. This photograph was taken from Kakrail area.

Enforcement of electoral laws urged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Election Monitoring Forum (NEMF) yesterday demanded that the caretaker government and election commission enforce electoral laws against the candidates violating the laws in their election campaign.

"Candidates of different political parties are violating the electoral laws by spreading a huge amount of money among the voters, threatening some voters, using unsuitable banners, festoons and posters. For a free and fair election electoral laws should be implemented immediately against these candidates," Justice Md. Abdur Rauf, former chief election commissioner and one of the conveners of NEMF, said at a press conference at National Press Club in the city yesterday.

He urged the general people to lodge cases against the candidates who are violating electoral laws. Justice Rauf also warned political parties and candidates saying that one who captures power

by killing a president or a prime minister and one who is elected by rigging votes, are same kind of criminals. "Both of them should be punished under a similar law," he added.

He called upon the election commissioner to take proper steps to complete the election day's proceedings - voting as well as vote counting, before sunset and suggested that the election proceedings could be started at 7 in the morning rather than at 8 am.

He said that it is easier to count votes in the daylight, specially in rural areas where there are no electrification facilities in many areas. "Terrorists fear the day light," he added.

Combining operation Over 1200 held, 38 firearms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized 38 firearms, three weapons, and 54 bullets on the 64th day of the countrywide combining operation, official sources said yesterday.

Police also arrested 1242 people including seven listed terrorists from across the country during last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday. Of the arrested, 781 are wanted by police and rest 435 are accused in various cases.

The law enforcing agencies also seized 54 explosives from across the country during the period.

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Case against Noman

UNB, Chittagong

Chief Executive Officer of Chittagong City Corporation has filed a case against Abdullah Al Noman, a four-party candidate in Chittagong-9, on charge of kidnapping three corporation employees.

The case was filed after Noman forcibly took the three employees into his car and handed them over to Panchalaish thana after filing a case against them for tearing is posters pasted on the wall of Mimi Super Market.

Police said CCC inspector Harun Rashid and two other staff, Arun Kumar Nath and Haradhan Nath, removed the posters of Noman while cleaning the wall at 9 am. Angered by their act, Noman and his men took them to the police station.

However, police released the three city corporation staff in the afternoon.

Bank recruitment Computer literacy mandatory

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Bank has decided to make "computer literacy" mandatory while recruiting officials in the state-run banks.

The decision was taken on Monday at a meeting of the Bankers Recruitment Committee with Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr Muhammad Faruquddin in the chair.

The meeting also decided that candidates willing to join a state-run bank must have working knowledge of computer, a Bangladesh Bank press release said.

FBCCI urges political parties to contain violence

UNB, Dhaka

Apex trade body FBCCI yesterday appealed to the political parties to take bold and emergency steps to create an atmosphere conducive to holding a free, fair and violence-free election.

"It's a must. The situation will be improved if political parties ask their leaders and activists to behave with restraint and refrain from political violence," FBCCI leaders said in a statement. They also expressed deep concern over increasing terrorist activities in the country.

It said violence is badly damaging the pre-election atmosphere as well as creating panic among the voters. "Presence of voters in the polling centres makes an election acceptable."

Now, the most urgent job is to improve law and order situation and restore stability for a fair election, said the FBCCI statement. The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) also expected that the political parties would honour the democratic system by accepting the election results to maintain post-election peaceful environment in the country.

Licensing of ETV HC issues rule nisi on nine

BSS, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday issued a rule nisi upon nine respondents including three secretaries of the government to show cause as to why the licensing of ETV should not be declared illegal and without lawful authority.

A vacation bench of the High Court comprising Justice MA Aziz and Justice Sikder Moqbul Haque issued the rule upon hearing the petitions filed by Prof. Dr. Chowdhury Mohammad Hassan of Pharmacy Department of Dhaka University, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Abdur Rab of Geography Department of Dhaka University.

The petitioners challenged the legality of the licensing agreement of March 9 in 1999 between the Ministry of Information and A S Mahmud and the subsequent approval on April 5, 1999 by the government to transfer the said license to Ekushey Television Ltd.

The nine respondents are Secretaries of Ministry of Information, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Post and Telecommunication, National Broadcasting Authority, Director General of Bangladesh Television, Ekushey Television, A S Mahmud, Farhad Mahmud, Managing Director of ETV Ltd. and Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms.

Errata

The name of Taherunnesa Abdullah, chairperson of BROTE, was inadvertently printed as Taherunnessa Talukdar in a news item published on page 3 yesterday. The mistake is regretted.

Nat'l arsenic mitigation plan to be formulated

BSS, Dhaka

The first meeting of the Secretary level Committee on "Arsenic Mitigation" yesterday decided to formulate an Integrated National Programme to mitigate the widespread arsenic problems of the country.

The meeting also decided to take all necessary steps to implement the earlier decisions relating to combat the widespread problems of arsenic.

Dr AKM Moshir Rahman, Secretary Ministry of Economic Relations Division presided over the meeting held in the Conference Room of LGED Ministry.

Agriculture Secretary, Ayub Qadri, Planning Commission

Member Anisul Haq Chowdhury, Health and Family Welfare Secretary Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, Forest and Environment Secretary Mahfuzul Islam, Water Resources Secretary AYBI Siddiqi and Local Government Secretary Badiur Rahman were present.

The meeting also discussed the various aspects of the widespread havoc of arsenic and its solution through a full scale integrated programme.

It reviewed the activities and implementation of the Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Projects.

The committee also decided to form a panel consisting of the national experts for providing technical support in this regard.

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CHANGE OF DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID for Audit of Project Assistance by UNICEF in The IDEAL Project in Bangladesh

The last date for submission of bid (technical and financial) for audit of IDEAL project has been changed from 01 October, 2001 (Monday) to 03 October, 2001 (Wednesday) 14:00 hours. All other terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal (RFP/2001/014) remain unchanged. D-651

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