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Poet Shamsur Rahman denies press report

Renowned poet Shamsur Rahman has denied having signed a statement of the South Asian People's Union against Fundamentalism and Communism published in some newspapers, including The Daily Star, yesterday.

A news item released by UNB on Wednesday said that Shamsur Rahman was a signatory to a statement by the organisation which said that 70 lakh minority people could not exercise their franchise in the October 1 general election.

In a press release yesterday, the poet protested using of his name in the statement and said local and foreign observers were there to see whether the election was rigged or not and that he was not opposed to the October 1 parliamentary elections.

"I am always respectful towards the people's verdict, even if that goes against me," the poet said, adding that he had made no comments about the results of the elections.

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Father kills son during family quarrel

UNB, Jessor

In a moment of fury during a quarrel with his wife, a man killed his nine-month-old son at WAPDA Slum in Jhikargacha upazila Wednesday night.

Villagers said Abdur Rahim, a rickshaw-puller, snatched the toddler, Monirul, from his wife's lap and tossed him to the ground at one stage of their quarrel.

Workers Party greets people

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon and General Secretary Bimal Biswas yesterday greeted the people for spontaneously exercising their franchise in Monday's national election.

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Akhtaruzzaman alleges mass rigging, demands re-polling

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Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu, the defeated Awami League (AL) candidate of Chittagong-12 (Anowara-Pashchim Patiya) yesterday alleged massive rigging and partial role of law enforcers in his constituency to help his opponent win the race in the October 1 election.

Babu at a press conference at the local press club alleged that polling in his constituency was not fair at all and demanded re-election there.

He alleged that Major General Moyerul Hossain Chowdhury, an advisor to the caretaker government, being a close relative of the BNP candidate Sarwar Jamal Nizam directly intervened in the polls.

Appointment of police officials and deployment of army personnel here was as per the choice of the BNP candidate and they worked for him, Babu alleged.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the *doa mahfil*.



Doa mahfil

A *doa mahfil* will be held today in memory of late Advocate Khalequzzaman, a BNP candidate in the October 1 general election, says a press release.

The *doa mahfil* will be held at his Gulshan residence in the city after *maghrib* prayers.

Advocate Khaleq was contesting the election from Cox's Bazar-3 constituencies. He died of a cardiac arrest at an election meeting on September 29.

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