

AL demands release of partymen

BSS, Dhaka
The acting president of Awami League (AL), Abdus Samad Azad, yesterday demanded release of all party leaders and workers.

In a statement, he said many leaders and activists of the party including former minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, Sechhasevak League leader Bahauddin Nasim, former lawmaker Haji M Selim, Chhatra League president Liakat Sikdar and general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu were languishing in jails.

He urged the people to wage a movement against the persecution of AL leaders and activists.

In a separate statement, Samad Azad condemned the killing of SM Azam, joint secretary of Bogra district Krishak League, by criminals on Saturday.

Court summons Somi's ex-husband

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Third Additional Assistant Judge's Court, Dhaka, yesterday issued summons upon Ringo, former husband of actress Shomi Kaiser in connection with a family suit claiming Tk 11,50,001 as demerit amount and alimony.

Judge Mohammad Mohitul Haq passed the order after the suit file was placed before him.

Shomi filed the suit on Saturday with Fourth Assistant Judge's Court, Dhaka. The judge took the lawsuit into cognizance and ordered it to be transferred to another court for disposal.

In her plaint, Shomi Kaiser alleged that Ringo, her former husband, converted to Islam on March 19, 1999 and changed his name to Redwan Rashid alias Arnab Banerjee alias Ringo, and they married before the "Notary Public of Dhaka Bangladesh" on April 15 the same year. Later, the

demerit amount was settled at Tk 10,00,001 and their marriage solemnised in a befitting manner at a Kazi office on May 31, 1999 and afterwards the marriage was consummated. But before long, the learnt about Ringo's previous marriage with his first wife Kakoli Banerjee and also a child from that marriage. When she (Shomi) wanted to know about the matter from Ringo, he became very angry with her and abused her both physically and mentally. Finding no other alternative, she then sent Ringo a bill of divorce on January 17 this year and the divorce came through on May 26 in accordance with the Muslim Law.

1381 more held

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Police arrested 1381 people, including five listed criminals and recovered seven firearms with 13 bullets in their countrywide drive during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

They also arrested seven persons in connection with the arms recovery and filed six cases under the Arms Act during the period, a police headquarters press release said.

The arrested identified criminals are Humayun Kabir of Khulna, Amrul Islam, Mahbubur Rahman of Barisal, Mohammad Nasir Ahmed of Feni and Mosharrar Hossain alias Monir of Dhaka city.

Results of six poura polls

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The Election Commission on Saturday night declared unofficial results of elections in six pourasabhas.

According to the unofficial results, Mir Mohammed Shahjahan was elected Chairman of Singair Pourasabha under Manikganj district bagging 5,595 votes. His nearest rival Dewan Majharul Haq got 5,566 votes.

Mohammad Shamsur Ali was elected Chairman of Patgram

Pourasabha under Lalmonirhat. He got 3,544 votes against 3,053 votes bagged by his nearest contender Mohammad Morshed Alam.

SMV Reja was unofficially declared elected Chairman of Bhangra Pourasabha under Faridpur district. He secured 7,305 votes while his nearest rival Moniruzzaman Munshi bagged 5581 votes.

Mohammad Mohibubur Rahman was elected Chairman of Kamalganj Pourasabha under

Moulvibazar. He polled 2818 votes while his nearest contender Hissaka Afroz Chowdhury bagged 1949 votes.

Azad Chowdhury became Chairman of the Ramgati Pourasabha under Laxmipur district. He bagged 5652 votes while his nearest rival Abi Abdullah polled 2322 votes.

Besides, Faridul Bari Talukder was elected Chairman unopposed of Sarishabari Pourasabha under Jamalpur district.

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