

Politics capitalising on Mujib, Zia over: Badruddoza

UNB, Dhaka

Former president Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said politics capitalising on the names of the late leaders is over, as BNP and Awami League have already used up their 'fixed deposits' of Zia and Mujib.

"The latest instance of this is the Chittagong mayoral election where people rejected the appeal for vote made by Tarique Rahman using his father's name, the four-party alliance candidate suffered humiliating defeat by a margin of nearly one lakh votes."

This has not enhanced Zia's prestige, rather it implies that people of Chittagong have forgotten Zia," he said.

Prof B Chowdhury, president of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh, said politics using the names of late leaders can not last long. Even parties founded by leaders like Sher-e-Bangla and Bhasani now have no existence.

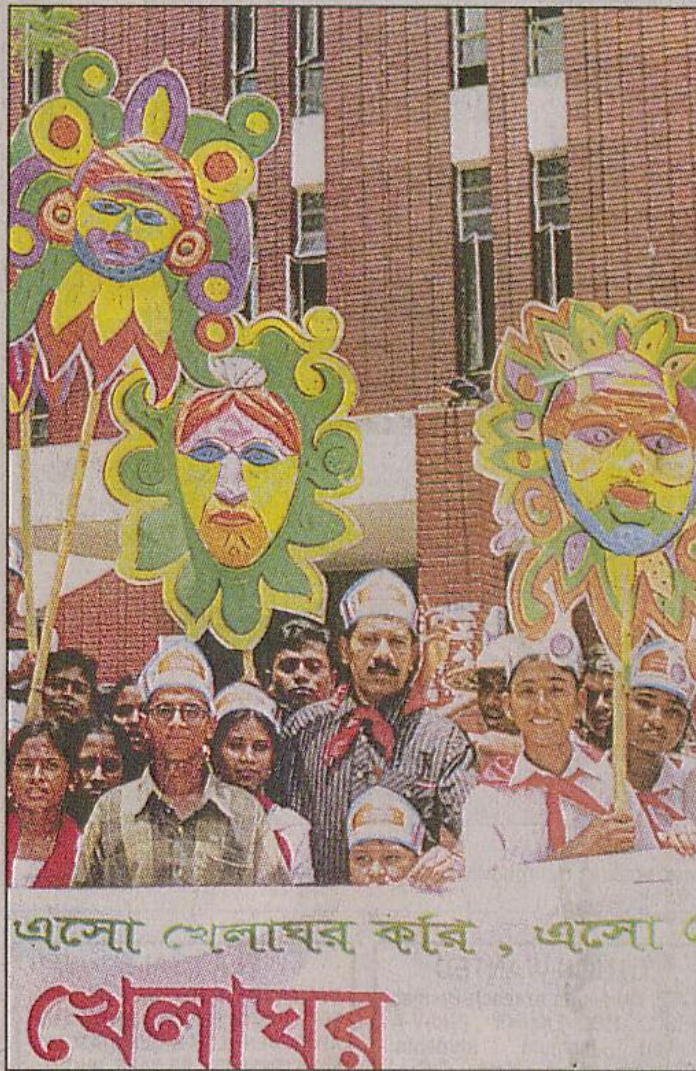
He made the scathing remarks at a party meeting at his Baridhara office when leaders and workers of Awami League, BNP and Jatiya Party from Naogaon and Pallabi in Dhaka joined Bikalpa Dhara yesterday.

Describing Mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury as a brilliant politician, B Chowdhury said the country seriously lacks meritorious and programme-based politicians.

"There is no programme in BNP politics. They don't understand anything else but money and plundering." He said Bikalpa Dhara is not a small party.

B Chowdhury asked his party members to stage a "mass upheaval to remove this corrupt regime for combating terrorism, corruption and poverty."

Those who joined Bikalpa Dhara include former Atrai thana BNP former president Advocate Mozaharul Huq, Naogaon district Jatiya Party former general secretary Adv Aminul Huq Chowdhury and 13 workers of BNP, Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal from Pallabi in Dhaka.



Khelaghar Ashor, a juvenile organisation, took out a colourful procession in the city yesterday.

Khelaghar confce begins

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The two-day national conference of Khelaghar Ashor, a juvenile organisation, began at the Shishu Academy auditorium in the city yesterday.

Justice Habibur Rahman, former chief advisor to the caretaker government, inaugurated the conference by hoisting the national flag. Khelaghar Ashor Chairman Ali Asgar hoisted the flag of the organisation.

Justice Habibur Rahman also inaugurated the photo exhibition of Khelaghar Ashor covering 52 years of its existence.

Director of Central Konchi Kanchar Mela Ibrahim Khaled, Shammalito Shangskritik Jote General Secretary Golam Kuddus, Udichi Shilpi Goshthi General Secretary Mahmud Selim, Dr Lelin Chowdhury and Khelaghar Ashor General Secretary Mokhtar Hossain Hridoy also spoke at the inaugural session.

Later, a procession of over 650 children from representatives of 24 organisational districts and 14 regional districts was brought out. The procession paraded the city streets from Shishu Academy to central Shaheed Minar.

6 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed in separate road accidents in Narayanganj, Faridpur and Panchagarh yesterday.

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: Three day labourers were run over by a speedy truck on Dhaka-Sylhet highway near Bagmari of Arahazar thana.

They were identified as Idhu, 45, Delwar, 28, and Ahidul, 38, who hailed from Satgram union of Arahazar.

Witnesses said the labourers died on the spot when the driver of Narshingdi-bound bus from Dhaka lost control of the steering and ran over them before falling into a roadside ditch.

They were going to Purinda on foot in search of jobs, sources said.

The bodies were sent to Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy.

A case was filed with Arahazar police station in this regard.

BSS from Faridpur adds: Two people were killed and two others injured when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus hit a autorickshaw at Kamarkhali on the Dhaka-Khulna highway yesterday afternoon.

Police said the speedy bus coming from Jessore knocked the three-wheeler damaging it badly.

As a result, one person died instantly and the other succumbed to his injuries on way to Magura hospital.

Identities of the victims could not be known immediately.

The injured were admitted to a local hospital.

Police is trying to find out the killer bus.

A case was filed with Madhukhali thana in this connection.

UNB from Panchagarh adds: An old man was killed in a road accident near Gem Jute Mill area on Panchagarh-Dhaka highway on Thursday evening.

The dead was identified as Karimullah Karim, 55, of Keranipara village in Boda Upazila.

Police said, the victim was run over by a truck and died on the spot while he was returning home. Witnesses said, helper was driving the truck.

Boda police later arrested the driver Amir Hossain, 21, along with the truck. A case was filed.

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