

Hold polls on date Demand left parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Democratic Left Alliance yesterday threatened the government of staging demonstrations across the country on October 16, demanding holding of the general election on the scheduled date and lifting of the state of emergency to create a congenial environment for the polls.

The alliance leaders called on the countrymen to be alert so that the non-elected military-backed government cannot stick to the state power for long through hatching conspiracy to nullify the upcoming election.

They placed their demands at the press conference at the party office at Topkhana Road in the city.

They said the government's recent conducts have created confusion over holding of the election on October 18 as it made different comments regarding holding of the election at different times.

Earlier, Chief Adviser

Fakhruddin Ahmed said during the election, emergency rules would be eased to create a favourable atmosphere. But recently, he moved from this stance by making a comment in New York that the polls would be held under the state of emergency, they added.

Convener Abdus Salam of the alliance presented the keynote paper while central Coordinator Junayed Saki of Gono Sanghati Andolon, General Secretary Saiful Huq of Bangladesh Biplobi Workers' Party, Co-coordinator Nazrul Islam of Jatiya Gono Front and Biplobi Oikya Front Convener Moshrefa Mishu spoke at the press conference.

The demands include immediate lifting of emergency, cancellation of the revised Representation of People's Ordinance (RPO) and steps to bar black money holders, war criminals, corrupts and convicts from contesting next elections.



A woman says prayers at a puja mandap at Banani ground in the city yesterday during Mahaastami puja on the third day of Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of Hindus. Gulshan Sarbojanin Puja UjJapan Parishad organised the puja.

WRONG TREATMENT 2-yr-old boy dies in Ctg clinic

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A two-year-old boy died at a private clinic in the port city yesterday due to wrong treatment, his family members alleged.

The boy, Sabbir Ahmad Chowdhury Ishaq, was admitted to Medical Centre, a private clinic at OR Nizam Road, with high fever on the night of October 4, said his father Golam Sarwar, manager of Kabir Steel, a steel plant.

The doctors diagnosed that the baby was suffering from typhoid and he was under treatment of Dr Moniruzzaman, he said.

The boy was also cured after three days of treatment and the doctors released him at around 10:30am yesterday, he added.

"As I was about to pay the medical bill before leaving the clinic, the on-duty doctor and nurses told me that the baby needs one more antibiotic injection," the boy's father told The Daily Star.

One of the nurses then gave the boy an antibiotic injection although two more doses were earlier given through intravenous saline, he added.

"After receiving the injection, my son screamed loudly and died within seconds in my lap," he said.

The officials and doctors of the clinic despite repeated attempts to reach them on their mobile phones.



Parents burst into tears in front of the body of their two-year-old son who died allegedly due to wrong treatment at a clinic in Chittagong city yesterday.

ENVIRONMENT-RELATED PROJECTS \$3.33m deals with UNDP signed

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will receive 3.33 million US dollar as grant to implement three environment-related projects in the country.

ERD Additional Secretary Md Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan and UNDP Country Director Stefan Priesner signed three separate agreements on behalf of their respective sides at the ERD office yesterday. Senior officials concerned were present.

The projects, to be coordinated by UNDP, are preparation of second national communication (SNC) of Bangladesh, phase-out of CFC consumption in the manufacture of Aerosol Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI) in Bangladesh and institutional strengthening for the phase-out of Ozone Depleting Substances (Phase-IV).

Officials said the fund for the projects would be provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Multilateral Fund under Montreal Protocol.

Of the projects, one relates to preparation of and submitting the SNC to the conference of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The second project aims at phas-

ing out the use of chloro-fluoro carbon (CFC) in three pharmaceutical factories by converting the production technology to use non-CFC.

The other project will enable the National Ozone Unit of the Department of Environment to continue to plan, organise, direct and coordinate all activities required for the implementation of the country's strategy in all areas related to the phase-out of Ozone Depleting Substances.

Deep convection over north Bay

UNB, Dhaka

Squally weather is likely over north Bay and adjoining coastal region as a deep convection is taking place over the area yesterday evening, which may affect the maritime ports.

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to hoist local cautionary signal number three (R) three, a special Met Office bulletin said.

All fishing boats and trawlers over north Bay and deep sea have been advised to come close to the coast and proceed with caution until further notice.

Saudi envoy meets communication adviser

UNB, Dhaka

Saudi Ambassador Dr Abdullah Bin Naser Al Busairi called on Communication Adviser Major General (Retd) Ghulam Quader at his office yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest, particularly creating employment opportunity for the Bangladeshi people in Saudi Arabia and different development projects of Bangladesh.

Secretary of Roads and Railways Department under the Communication Ministry Dr Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman was present, said an official release yesterday.

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