

Help elect competent candidates

Speakers urge journalists at workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a workshop yesterday called on the journalists to work with devotion, wisdom and honesty saying that they can play a major role in electing honest and competent candidates.

Time has come to tell people ahead of the election that religion and politics are not the same thing, he added.
Abed Khan urged all progressive forces to be united for the greater interest of democracy.

role in the upcoming election, he said, urging the attending journalists to work with dedication so that honest and competent candidates are elected in the polls.
Mahfuz Anam suggested publishing a list of potential women candidates in newspapers ahead of the election.



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Ayesha Khanam speaks at a workshop on 'Jatiya Sangsad election, democracy and the role of media' at Sofia Kamal auditorium in the city yesterday.



Save the Environment Movement organises a swimming competition in the river Buriganga yesterday as a part of its campaign to save the river from illegal encroachment and pollution.

University teachers demand halt to leasing of oil, gas resources

DU CORRESPONDENT
Teachers of different public universities have demanded a halt to leasing out oil and gas resources in the sea and postponement of the final approval of the coal policy during the tenure of the caretaker government.

dishonest officials of the energy ministry and local brokers of Asia Energy.
They urged the chief adviser to keep the responsibilities and duties of the government within daily works until an elected government comes into power after the next general election slated for December 18.

street if necessary.
They further said only the government elected by the countrymen has the right to take any sort of policy-making decision regarding the natural resources.

Teachers participated with placards that read -- 'We demand proper compensation for the losses occurred in explosions in Tengra gas field, punishment to dishonest officials of the energy ministry and local brokers of Asia Energy.'

BNP-Jamaat conspiracy on to foil polls

Says JSD president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Leaders of different political parties at a discussion yesterday said BNP-Jamaat alliance is hatching a conspiracy to foil the next general election joining hands with a section of the administration and the government knowing their defeat in the polls.

147 killed in violence last month: BSEHR survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Some 147 people were killed in violence and 19 others committed suicide in October, according to a survey report of the Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR).

Miscreants kill baby girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some unidentified miscreants brutally killed a five-month-old baby girl and left the body in an abandoned rickshaw van on Darussalam Road in the city yesterday.

'Maintain hygienic environment thru' waste management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday underscored the need for modern waste management system to maintain a hygienic environment in the city.
The seminar on 'People's participation in waste management' was held at the office of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) in the city.

Tk 60 lakh cloths seized in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized 73 bundles of Bangladeshi cloths worth Tk 60 lakh from Islamia Enterprise at Itagacha Bazar in the town last night, which were being smuggled to India.

Zakir, Gani president, gen secy of RFED

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hossain Zakir of the Daily Jugantar and Gani Adam of Banglavisjon have been elected president and general secretary of Reporters' Forum for Election and Democracy (RFED), says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY
Dry weather likely
UNB, Dhaka
Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 24 hours as of 6:00pm today.



Teachers of different public universities form a human chain at the foot of the Aparajevo Bangla on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding a halt to the leasing of oil and gas resources to multinational companies.

BNP plans to keep convicts out

FROM PAGE 16
allowed to contest in the upcoming election if the poll is held under the state of emergency.
But, BNP Joint Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan said if anyone is convicted by a trial court, the person must be given a scope to appeal the higher court against the verdict, and if the higher court upholds the conviction only then the person's disqualification from election can be justified.

Chairperson Khaleda Zia also raised the issue of convicted party leaders during her meeting with advisers to the military backed caretaker government in her cantonment residence on September 22, the day before the party's official dialogue with the government in the Chief Adviser's Office.

Today is the 36th death anniversary of M Anisuzzaman, a noted columnist and former managing director and chief editor of Bangladesh Sangstha (BSS), says a press release.

Responsible role of parties vital

FROM PAGE 1
petitions against the delimitation are still pending at the highest court, and that she is afraid those could provide the pretext for delaying the election.
She said her party thinks the election should be held as per the previous boundaries [of the constituencies] in the event of the redemarcation issue not being solved timely.

election, electoral alliance, price hike of essentials, and war criminals came up for discussion.
Both the leaders stressed the need for building a secular society and resisting the anti-Liberation War forces.

Today is the 28th death anniversary of Hajj Abdus Samad Bepari, former chairman of undivided Sarkatul Union Parishad at Badda in the city, says a press release.