

Nation eagerly waiting for elected govt

Iajuddin tells 3rd convocation of AUST

BSS, Dhaka
President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday said the entire nation is eagerly waiting to welcome a newly elected government by December after the general elections.

"I call upon all concerned to extend their full cooperation in this regard," he said.

The president made the call while speaking at the 3rd convocation of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city.

A total of 1,650 students were awarded bachelor's and master's degrees in seven disciplines, including architecture, electrical and electronic, civil, computer science and textile engineering.

Justice ATM Afzal delivered the convocation speech while AUST Syndicate chairman and President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam and Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof Dr M Anwar Hossain also spoke.

President Iajuddin, who is also the chancellor of the university, said that in this era of globalisation, the learning of science and technological education is of paramount importance to meet the demand of the 21st century.

"In this context, universities have to provide modern curricula



President Iajuddin Ahmed awards gold medal to a successful graduate at the 3rd convocation of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre yesterday.

and congenial atmosphere to impart quality education," he said.

Welcoming the new graduates, the president urged them to uphold the truth and justice at every sphere of their life keeping national interest above.

"I hope you are capable enough to shoulder the responsibilities for developing our country in diverse fields," he said. "I believe your sincere efforts, honest persuasion and social commitment would

surely help in building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh."

Seven students were awarded Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah gold medals for their outstanding results and other extra curricular activities.

Justice ATM Afzal said, "There is need to support the private universities which deserve it by their record of performance, but there is a stronger need to weed out the commercial outlets which are doing more harm than good."

Family members demand release of Monindra Lal, withdrawal of false case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Family members of detained Khagrachhari District Council Chairman Monindra Lal Tripura yesterday demanded his release and withdrawal of the case against him saying it was false.

At a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium, Monindra Lal's wife Sharmadebi Tripura alleged that Additional Inspector General of Police (AIGP) NBK Tripura and Assistant Commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) Bidhan Tripura had conspired against her husband.

She said the police statement that her husband was arrested when he went into hiding is not true as he was under police protection at that time.

"So how he could be arrested as fugitive?" asked Sharmadebi.

She also alleged that the AIGP had brought allegation of murder against her husband to clear the path for his elder brother Rana Bikram Tripura to make him the next chairman of Khagrachhari district council.

Sharmadebi said Anupam, over whose death Monindra Lal was arrested, died of excessive drinking.

She sought the intervention of the president, chief adviser, home adviser and inspector general of police to release her husband and give them security.

Monindra Lal's son Pankajmay Tripura, daughter Rakhi Tripura, Convener of Bangladesh Tripura Juba Oikya Parishad Khani Ranjan Tripura and Mostak Ahmed Chowdhury of Shamo Odhikar Andolon were present at the press conference.



Swarnadebi Tripura, wife of Khagrachhari Hill District Council Chairman Monindra Lal Tripura, speaks at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity office yesterday.

'Points Based System' in UK for foreign workers from Nov 27

UNB, Dhaka

The UK is going to introduce new 'Points Based System' on November 27 for skilled foreign nationals from outside of the European Economic Area wishing to travel there for work, including temporary or unpaid work.

The global system is fairer for applicants because it uses transparent and objective criteria, said a British High Commission press release yesterday.

Applicants will be able to calculate how many qualifying 'points' they will be awarded -- and, therefore, whether they are likely to be issued a visa -- before making their application.

Applicants will be able to obtain information from VFS offices and the British High Commission, which means that they do not have

to relay on visa agents. It is also a simpler system for skilled workers because it replaces a two-stage work permit application process with a single application.

The UK's Border and Immigration Minister Phil Woolas said: "The UK is a fantastic place to work and we want the UK to stay open and attractive to skilled workers. At the same time we are determined to deliver a system of border security which is among the most secure in the world."

"The new Australian-style points system will allow us to attract those people who have the skills we need. It is also flexible, allowing us to raise or lower the bar according to the needs of the labour market and the country as a whole," he said.

Ctg AL meets to prepare list of candidates

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Leaders of Chittagong city unit Awami League at an extended meeting here yesterday prepared the lists of probable candidates for four constituencies under Chittagong City Corporation areas.

The constituencies are Chittagong-7, Chittagong-8, Chittagong-9 and Chittagong-10.

The lists of AL aspirants were being made till filing of the report at 7:30pm through voting of the grassroots level leaders at the meeting at a local community centre with CCC Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury in the chair.

The grassroots level leaders of the concerned constituencies, including presidents and secretaries of different wards and upazilas, exercised their franchise to help make the lists.

City unit General Secretary Kazi Enamul Hoque Danu conducted the meeting where senior leaders, including Vice President Nurul Islam and Joint Secretary Ibrahim Hossain Chowdhury Babul, took part.

Kazi Enamul said they would finalise the list comprising five aspirants from each constituency and would send the names to the party's central committee for final decision.

Earlier, several aspirants of the constituencies collected forms from the party and submitted those to the city unit leaders.

At least nine aspirants have already submitted their forms to the party leaders seeking nominations from the most prestigious constituency Chittagong-8 (Kotwali and 14 CCC wards) that incorporates 3,21,752 voters.

The aspirants are CCC Mayor Mohiuddin, his wife Hasina Mohiuddin, former city unit president MA Mannan, Kazi Enamul Hoque Danu, Nurul Islam, Ibrahim Hossain, Jubo League city unit Organising Secretary MA Rashid and AL leader AZM Nasir.

Four aspirants -- Nurul Islam, businessman Abdus Salam, Abul Kalam and Moslem Uddin Ahmad -- sought nominations from Chittagong-7.

Eight candidates -- Mayor Mohiuddin, Dr Afsarul Amin, Khorshed Alam Sujon, Nurul Afsar Miah, Badiul Alam, Mansur Alam, Hajee Mohsin and Ward Councillor Javed Nazrul Islam -- collected forms from Chittagong-9.

Dr Afsarul, Sujon, Jubo League central Presidium Member Altaf Hossain Bachchu and freedom fighter Enamul Hoque Chowdhury have submitted their forms to compete in the Chittagong-10 constituency.



(From left) Advocate Subrata Chowdhury, Kader Siddiqui, Badrudroza Chowdhury and Maj Gen (Retd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim express unity by raising their hands up at the launching of a new alliance in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

PBCP leader dies in 'crossfire' in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A regional commander of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) was killed in 'crossfire' between his accomplices and the police at Nakhopara in Bagmara early yesterday.

Abdul Hannan, also known as Monakka, 28, son of Abdur Rahman, was killed a day after his arrest on Friday night.

Officer-in-Charge of Bagmara Police Station Sahabuddin Khalipha and Sub-Inspector Imdadul Bashar were also injured during the gunfight and given first aid at local health complex, the police said.

Acting on a tip-off, the police

arrested Hannan, a fugitive accused in four murder cases, from his house on Friday night, said OC Sahabuddin.

Following his confession, a police team led by the OC took him to Nakhopara to recover firearms.

When they reached near Nakhopara, Hannan's accomplices opened fire on the police who also retaliated with fire. After 25 minutes of gunfight, the criminals fled the scene, said the OC.

Hannan, who also tried to escape, was seriously injured during the shootout. He was rushed to Bagmara Health Complex where doctors declare him dead.

Police found a gun, five bullets, two machetes and a knife on the spot.

BSF kills cattle trader

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi cattle trader and injured another on Nagarvita border at Baliadangi in the district yesterday.

The dead was identified as Md Tajuddin, 40, while the injured is Badal Miah, 18.

Officials of 20th Bangladesh Rifles Battalion (BDR) battalion said the BSF personnel of Chaclagach camp of 23rd BSF battalion opened fire on a group of cattle traders while

they were returning home from India near pillar No 378/1-S at around 4:15am.

Tajuddin died instantly while Badal received serious bullet injury and somehow he managed to escape.

After the incident Indian border guards took away the dead body.

Badal was rushed to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital in a critical condition.

BDR strongly protested the killing and asked its Indian counterpart to return the body.

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Dr Loon of Singapore National University Hospital speaks at a press conference in the city yesterday. On his right is Dr Niaz Rahman and on his left are Cheang Kok Ming and Dr Mahburur Rahman Chowdhury.

'EYE-SEE-THE-WORLD' PROJECT 116 undergo cataract surgery in Bhairab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 116 patients have undergone cataract surgery in Bhairab under a two-day community project titled 'Eye-See-The-World' that ended on Saturday.

Another 1175 eye patients were also examined during the camp organised by Singapore Airlines and Bangladesh Eye Hospital.

The organisers said these at a press conference at National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Besides, a group of ENT (ear, nose and throat) surgeons conducted surgeries on 23 patients and examined another 459 patients.

Six more patients underwent cleft-lip surgery and 64 children received free consultancy from the child specialists.

General Manager of Singapore Airlines to Bangladesh Cheang Kok Ming said, "Through this community project many visually impaired people in the village who are deprived of advanced eye care treatment would be able to see the world, which is the main objective of the project."

Chowdhury, chairman of Bangladesh Eye Hospital said, "To increase the standard of eye care in the country we are going to work with Singapore National University Hospital."

"Through this collaboration Bangladeshi eye surgeons would get the chance to go to Singapore while eye specialists from Singapore would come to Bangladesh with a view to sharing their experiences," he added.

Noted cultural personality Aly Zaker said the project would strengthen the existing bilateral ties between Bangladesh and Singapore.

Dr Loon from Singapore National University Hospital, Dr Maimul from ENT Care Centre, and Dr Siddique from Cosmetic Surgery Centre Ltd also spoke at the conference.

ENT Care Centre, Cosmetic Surgery Centre Ltd, Popular Pharmaceuticals and Asiatic Marketing Communications Ltd were also partners of the event.

Eye-See-the-World is running the 2nd year of the project in Bangladesh providing screening, treatment and surgery for the affected people bringing together specialists from Singapore and Bangladesh.

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