

LG Commission framing policies to strengthen local govt bodies

Commission team meets president

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The newly formed Local Government (LG) Commission is formulating policies to strengthen the local government institutions, as a comprehensive reform recipe is under implementation.

The commission has already held four meetings in connection with the updating of local government bodies.

A three-member delegation of the commission led by its chairman Md Faizur Razzak

called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday and apprised him of their activities.

The delegation members told the president that the commission started its function on November 9.

Commission Chairman Md Faizur Razzak hoped that they would be able to make "significant progresses" in their task within next few months.

They also sought cooperation from the president in performing their responsibilities.

President Iajuddin gave the delegation a patient hearing and assured them of all-out cooperation in performing their duties.

Other members of the commission -- Md Hedayetul Islam Chowdhury and Dr Tofail Ahmed -- were also present.

Secretary of the President's Office Md Sirajul Islam, Military Secretary Maj Gen Md Ruhul Amin and President's Press Secretary Abdul Awal Howlader were also present.

'Boycott war criminals in polls'

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Speakers at a memorial meeting yesterday called on the countrymen to boycott war criminals in the next general and local government elections to create a real democratic environment in the society and recognise the women's rights.

They urged the political parties not to form any kind of alliance with the criminals and also demanded effective steps to declare them ineligible in the polls.

The speakers made the call at the memorial meeting organised to mark the 9th death anniversary of noted poet Sufia Kamal.

Samajik Protirodh Committee, a platform of NGOs, organised the meeting at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city with former adviser to a caretaker government advocate Sultana Kamal in the chair.

Human rights activists, social workers, women leaders and representatives from different social bodies spoke at the programme.

The speakers demanded



Women's rights activists place bouquets at the portrait of poet Sufia Kamal at Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday to pay homage to her on the occasion of her ninth death anniversary.

immediate execution of the trial of war criminals and hoped that the countrymen would boycott the criminals in the upcoming elections.

Paying rich tributes to the poet for her outstanding contribution to the field of recognising women's rights in the country, they said Sufia

Kamal was not only a person, but also an institution.

They called on the people, especially young generation, to follow the ideals of poet Sufia Kamal with a view to establishing equal rights for women in the society.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Ayesha

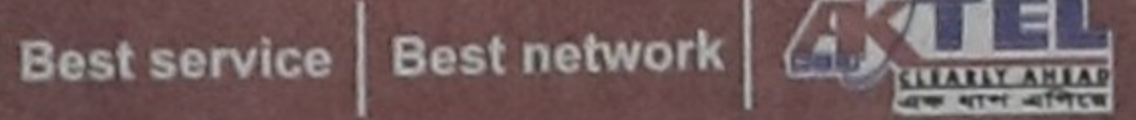
Khanam said Sufia Kamal and her ideology inspires us in various movements for realising democratic rights of people, and preserve the main spirit of the liberation war.

Women leaders Nazma Akhter, Tahmina Yasmin, Shahnaz Sumi and Shahida Parveen also spoke.

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