

Convicts, reformists

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Ahmed, Mosharraf Hossain, Mango, Shah Abul Hossain, Rezaul Bari Dina, Ziaul Haque Mollah, GM Seraj and Abdul Manna Talukder were among the so-called reformist BNP leaders who bought forms yesterday.

Among the high-profile BNP leaders who bought nomination forms, Speaker barrister Jamiruddin Sircar bought forms for Panchagarh-1, Chowdhury Tanbir Ahmed Siddiky for Dhaka-15, Dhaka-18, Gazipur-7, Gazipur-8 and Laxmi-2, Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman for Dinajpur-2, ASM Hannan Shah for Dhaka-17 and Gazipur-4, Selima Rahman for Barisal-2 and Barisal-3, Shah Moazzem Hossain for Munshiganj-1 and Rizvi Ahmed for Rajshahi-3.

The leaders bought the forms through their representatives on the first day of the two-day selling and submission of nominations.

A significant number of fresh faces collected forms on the first day from the six booths at the office opened for the six divisions.

Since early morning, BNP nomination aspirants from across the country started arriving at the office accompanied by their supporters. The area surrounding the offices was in a festive mood. The supporters chanted slogans in

favour of their candidates.

Nomination seekers said they were happy to collect the forms but they were not sure of being able to contest the polls since BNP high-ups would decide who gets party tickets.

Yesterday BNP did not sell forms for 37 constituencies and leaders and supporters from those constituencies demonstrated in front of the party office.

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Golger yesterday collected BNP's nomination form for Joypurhat-1 constituency.

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The 28th BCS preliminary exams will be held in 103 examination centres of Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet at 10:00am.

Meanwhile, thousands of candidates who did not get the admit card, staged a demonstration in front of the PSC office yesterday. They also threatened to file a writ petition against the PSC today if the commission does not provide them with admit cards by 10:00am.

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Bomb attack

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Mizan alias 'Bomb' Mizan, an explosives expert of the outfit, Md Shahadat Ali and Abdul Malek alias Laltu. Of them, Mizan is still at large while the rest three are in jail custody.

According to the prosecution, the four JMB men tried to enter the court of Second Joint District and Assistant Sessions Judge Abu Syed Dilzar Hossain on the first floor of Chittagong Judge's Court Building on October 3, 2005 but were halted by the on-duty constables.

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Kitchen market

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"We are producing fertiliser in such a process that we save half a tonne of greenhouse gas in producing one tonne of fertiliser," said AH Md Maqsood Sinha, managing director of the plant-WWR Bio Fertiliser Bangladesh Ltd.

A UN-approved body-Designated Operating Entity (DOE) examines whether a plant generates carbon or not, and provides certificates in this regard. Such certificates have a \$25 billion global market.

Under the CDM, developed countries have to meet their obligations to cut carbon emissions by sponsoring carbon-cutting schemes in poor countries.

PRODUCTION METHOD

Organic waste is collected from the kitchen markets and carried to the fertiliser plant. Dried and fresh waste is then mixed and piled up at specially-made pre-composting site at the plant. In the composting process, temperature is kept at 60 degrees Celsius and oxygen level above 10 percent.

Composting and drying in different phases take 40 to 55 days before the production of bio-fertiliser. As much as 25 to 30 tonnes of bio-fertiliser can be produced from 100 tonnes of waste.

Fertiliser produced at this plant will be sold at Tk 4 to 5 per kg while bio-fertiliser now sells at Tk 10 to 12 per kg.

The plant built at a cost of

12.5 million euro now handles 138 tonnes of organic waste a day. Two more plants will be set up at Gazipur and Savar next year, raising the total capacity of handling waste up to 700 tonnes per day.

In the capital, 3,500 to 4,000 tonnes of waste are generated every day, of which 80 percent is organic.

Agriculture Adviser CS Karim yesterday inaugurated the plant while Dutch Ambassador in Dhaka Mrs Bea Ten Truscher attended the opening ceremony as special guest.

Others present on the occasion included Mayor of Narayanganj Pourasabha Selina Hayat Ily, Jan Banooe, chairman of the plant, Mohammed Reazuddin, member-secretary of Designated National Authority on CDM of Bangladesh government, and Shirin Kamal of the UNDP.

Ex-whip Zahed

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amassing illegal wealth and concealing information about it.

Zahed filed the writ petition with the HC challenging the legality of the initiation and continuation of the proceedings of the case.

Barrister Abdur Razzaq appeared for the petitioner, while Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan stood for ACC.

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Pope prefers dialogue of cultures, rather than religions

AFP, Rome

Dialogue between religions, in the strict sense of the term, is impossible, said Pope Benedict XVI in the preface to a book published in Italy yesterday.

But a dialogue on the cultural implications of religions was "particularly urgent," said the pontiff.

The pope's comments came in a brief letter to the right-wing deputy Marcello Pera, published as the preface to Pera's book "Why we must say we are Christians."

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AL gambles

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Dhaka-12, Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Dhaka-13, Aslamul Haque Aslam, Dhaka-14, Kamal Ahmed Majumder, Dhaka-15, Ilias Molla, Dhaka-16, Dr Alaudin Ahmed, Dhaka-17 and Shahara Khatun for Dhaka-18.

Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon is the AL-led grand alliance's candidate for Dhaka-8.

He said the demand for special and advance tickets would go high before and after three days of the Eid festival.

Kamalapur station sources said on the first day of advance ticket selling, several hundred ticket-seekers thronged the ticket counters to have advance tickets. Many of them reached there very early hours of yesterday. However, everybody got

7 special trains

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He said of the seven special trains, one will be operated on Dhaka-Rajshahi route, one on Dhaka-Mymensingh route, one on Dhaka-Dhaka route, one on Joydevpur-Ishwarpur route while two on Chittagong-Chandpur route and another train on Chittagong-Comilla route.

He also said various measures have been taken to check the irregularities in ticket selling and to ensure security for the passengers.

Meanwhile, BR started sale of advance train tickets yesterday. The advance tickets are available between 8:00am to 4:00pm till December 1.

Advance tickets for journeys on December 2 were sold out by yesterday while tickets for December 3 will be sold today. Tickets for December 4 will be available on November 27 while for December 5.

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Somali pirates

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which has disrupted commercial traffic in the Gulf of Aden, a major world maritime route.

On November 15, the largest ship ever seized by pirates was hijacked in the Indian Ocean.

Pirates have demanded a ransom of 25 million dollars for the release of the Saudi-owned Sirius Star, with a cargo of two million barrels of crude oil and a crew of 25.

Somali pirates currently hold at least 17 ships and more than 250 crew.

EC asked

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Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed told