

JS RESERVED SEATS FOR WOMEN

Bir Shreshtha families aspire to one seat

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Efforts are underway to secure at least one reserved seat in parliament for women from female members of the freedom fighters who were awarded with the highest honour of Bir Shreshtha.

Sources said the reserved seat for a female member of such families will uphold the spirit of the liberation war and facilitate trial of the war criminals under the present government.

Mili Rahman, wife of Bir Shreshtha Motiur Rahman, Fatema Begum, daughter of Bir Shreshtha Ruhul Amin, Hasina Haq, Sofia Rahman and Rokia Jamal, three daughters of Bir Shreshtha Noor Mohammad, and Parvin Akter Mukti, daughter-in-law of Bir Shreshtha Mostafa Kamal, are the possible candidates for such nomination, the sources added.

Hoping a nomination for the seat, Fatema wrote a letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on January 20.

Fatema, also the president of Awami

Jubo League Sitakunda unit, is now working as an assistant teacher of Chittagong Cantonment Public School and College after obtaining her masters in political science from Chittagong University.

Different organisations including Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Chittagong District Headquarter unit, Muktiyoddha Bir Shreshtha Smiriti Parishad, Chittagong Freedom Fighters' Welfare Association and Citizens' Rights Movement in Chittagong have expressed their support for Fatema.

Another source said Mili in her bid for the seat met with the prime minister last week and the commerce minister on Wednesday.

"The commerce minister told us that the government is actively thinking of nominating at least one member from the families of Bir Shreshthas for the reserved seat for women," said Engineer Mominur Rahman, general secretary of Bir Shreshtha Motiur Rahman Foundation, and convener of Bir Shreshtha Hamidur Rahman Smiriti Sangrakhan Committee.

"Mili also met with Post and Telecommunication Minister Rajiuddin Ahmed Raju yesterday, he added.

Talking to The Daily Star on Tuesday, Mukti said they (Mili and Fatema) are senior to me in all respects and as such they deserve the nomination.

Mukti, an employee of Khulna City Corporation, became a widow after her husband Mosharrif Hossain Bachchu, son of Bir Shreshtha Mostafa Kamal, died of cancer in 1996.

Three daughters of Bir Shreshtha Nur Mohammad and female members of other Bir Shreshthas are also hoping for the nomination.

SM Golam Mostafa, son of Bir Shreshtha Nur Mohammad, said, "After the Awami League government came to power we in a meeting at my Jessore residence decided to seek for my female members one reserved seat for women in parliament."

"As we met with Prime Minister and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence on January 23, she assured us of considering the matter," he added.



Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed adorns newly appointed Navy Chief Rear Admiral ZU Ahmed with a badge at the PM's office in the city yesterday while Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina looks on.

BCL leader dies in Ctg Jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

An under-trial prisoner died in Chittagong Jail due to illness yesterday.

The dead identified as Abu Bakkar, 35, alias Kana Bakkar was arrested with injuries on January 3 in 2008 with two firearms after a shootout with police at Bagghona Moor under the city's Khulshi Police Station.

Bakkar, a leader of MES College Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader, was accused in six cases, including two murder cases, three robbery cases and an arms case, sources said.

Bakkar was rushed to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) when he felt pain in his chest at around 2:30pm yesterday. The on duty doctors declared him dead, said sources at the Chittagong Jail.

Senior Jail Super of Chittagong Jail Ataur Rahman said Bakkar has been ill since his arrest. He was earlier sent to CMCH and Dhaka for treatment.

Ex-minister Jahanara gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted anticipatory bail for two months to Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) secretary general and former primary and mass education minister Jahanara Begum in a corruption case filed by the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC).

Responding to a bail petition filed by Jahanara, an HC bench of Justice Syed AB Mahmudul Husque and Justice Moeenul Islam Chowdhury also issued a rule upon the government to explain within three weeks why the petitioner should not be granted regular bail in this case.

Jahanara yesterday appeared before the HC bench.

The ACC filed the case with Ramna police station on November 4 last year on charges of amassing illegal wealth and concealing information about it.

Advocate AFM Mesbahuddin appeared for the petitioner.

Two arrested with fake currencies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab members yesterday arrested two people on charges of possessing fake local and Indian currencies in the city's Baridhara area.

The arrestees were identified as Monir Hossain, 30 and Rajib Hossain, 29 of J Block in the area.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-1 led by Assistant Police Super (ASP) Zahirul Islam arrested them in front of a house at around 3.00pm.

The ASP said they seized the fake notes of 50,000 Taka and Tk 60,000 from their possession.

During an interrogation, they confessed that they run their business of fake notes in the city's airport area for the last few months, he added.

He further said that their main target was to victimise the people converged on the Bishwa Itjema premises at Tongi.



Family members of slain trader Md Asgar stage a demonstration in front of Lalbagh Police Station in the city yesterday in protest of the killing. (Story on Page 1)

Police to stand tough against Ctg criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Senior officials of law enforcement agencies in port city yesterday decided to stand tough against the listed top criminals so that they can't come out of the prison easily on bail and pose threats to law and order.

The decision came in an emergency meeting at the Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Headquarters in Laldighi with Commissioner Md Moniruzzaman in the chair.

Rab-7 Chief Lt Col Jahidur Rahim, Senior Jail Super of Chittagong Central Jail Ataur Rahman and other top officials were present.

A four-member committee headed by a CMP deputy commissioner (city special branch) was formed at the meeting to prevent easy release of listed top terrorists on bail, know the latest update of their cases, gear up the trial of their cases and ensure punishment to them accordingly, sources said.

The emergency meeting was held in the backdrop of recent release from jail on bail a top-notch Islami Chhatra Shibir cadre Five Star Jasim, who was accused in 15 criminal cases, they said.

"We have initiated the move to get detailed information about top terrorists, latest devel-

opment of their cases and act accordingly so that we can prevent their easy release on bail as well as ensure punishment to them," CMP Commissioner Moniruzzaman told this correspondent in the afternoon.

"Our prime objective and strategy is to keep all criminals especially the top terrorists inside the jail," he added.

Sources said as per the decision of the meeting, CMP administration would soon give a list of top terrorists to jail authorities, who also would inform the police prior to release of any terrorist on bail.

Based on that information, police will take step to re-arrest the terrorists from the jail gate, they added.

The committee was asked to submit a report to the CMP commissioner in every 15 days about the latest update of the terrorists and the cases against them.

Meanwhile, the CMP has issued an office circular stating that a sense of insecurity has been generated among the common people in the wake of the return of some top and infamous terrorists on bail to their localities.

Such release of the criminals without prior knowledge of police has also created a negative reaction among them, it added.

JU teachers' team, JCD leaders call on Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 23-member delegation of teachers of Jahangirnagar University (JU), led by Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman, called on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office last night.

Members of the delegation included Prof Enamul Haq, Prof M Abdul Khaleque, Prof Syed Kamrul Ahsan, Prof M Shamsul Alam and M Nazrul Islam.

Later, leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) led by its President Azizur Baree Helal and General Secretary Shafiq Bari Babu met the BNP chairperson.

Khaleda exchanged views on organisational matters with them.

Khaleda, also the leader of the opposition in parliament, will go to Bogra today.

During her daylong visit, she will attend a discussion and cultural function to be held on the occasion of late president Ziaur Rahman's 73rd birth anniversary.

Foreign liquor, Phensidyl seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Detective Branch (DB) of Police seized 564 cans of foreign liquor, 275 bottles of Phensidyl and a private car and arrested its driver in separate drives at Gulshan and Sabujbagh in the city on Wednesday night.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of law enforcers raided Road # 26 in Gulshan-1 and recovered 552 cans of beer and 12 bottles of foreign liquor of different brands from a white private car standing on the road.

They arrested driver Md Yousuf and seized the car.

Another team of DB policemen seized 275 bottles of Phensidyl during a raid on a house at Kadamtola in Sabujbagh.

Booksellers go on strike for artificial crisis of textbooks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Booksellers in two coastal districts yesterday observed a daylong strike protesting the artificial crises of textbooks made by syndicates and additional charges on them by the publishers.

During the strike at Patuakhali and Barguna districts, over 250 bookstall owners kept their shops closed. They have also threatened to go on the strike today.

They alleged that publishers charge additional money when they go to them to procure books and force them to take notebooks along with the textbooks.

Since the beginning of new academic session, acute crisis of textbooks in the region is hampering the academic studies of the students from class six to nine.

Khairul Kabir Badal, president of Patuakhali unit of Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Association, said booksellers have to buy textbooks from the publishers at higher rates, although the district administration asked them not to sell books at higher rates.

Work sincerely for quality service Mannan urges Rajuk staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Housing and Public Works Abdul Mannan Khan yesterday called on the officials and employees to perform their duties sincerely to improve the service of the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk).

During a visit to Rajuk Bhaban, he ordered the authorities to keep a complaint box for the clients and engage a person in collecting and marking the complaints which will be sent to him every week through the chairman.

The minister said, "It is very important to ensure that a client does not face any harassment by the officials or employee of Rajuk while submitting a complaint freely."

Underscoring the need for reducing the trend of deviation, Mannan said it is very important to take action

initially, rather than taking action against the deviators.

Rajuk should monitor every building during its construction and the inspection must have to be constant, he added.

Rajuk will have to involve sufficient inspectors identifying command areas and, if necessary, it will appoint new inspectors for the jobs, he said.

Responding to a question about the people's anxiety over the plots of Uttara Model Town 3rd phase and Purbachal New Town Project, he said they will not increase the time of application further and the allotment of the plots will be given in a transparent manner.

Warning the employees and officials of Rajuk who were involved in clashes on Wednesday, Mannan said he was feeling very uneasy due to the incident and warn not to do violence anymore.

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