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Prof Yunus for prompt trial of killers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus in a statement yesterday demanded prompt trial of the savage killers and revelation of facts of the outrageous carnage that took place at the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) headquarters.

"The perpetrators of the heinous crime must be brought to justice swiftly, and the design behind it must be revealed in full. We should all

CTG ARMS CASE
2 accused give confessional statements

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two prime accused of a case filed in connection with the sensational Chittagong arms haul gave confessional statements before a Chittagong court yesterday.

Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Md Osman Gani started recording the confessional statements of the accused--Hafizur Rahman

Prayer Timing

March 3

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-07	6-11
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

UPAZILA POLLS
7 judicial bodies to probe irregularities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven judicial enquiry committees have been formed to probe allegations of undue influence and irregularities in the elections to the same number of upazila parishads on January 22.

Election Commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hossain disclosed it to journalists at his office yesterday.

The seven upazilas are Araihsazar of Narayanganj, Mehendiganj of Barisal, Banchharampur of Brahmanbaria, Muradnagar of Comilla, Raipura of Narsingdi, Kaliganj of Gazipur and Teknaf of Cox's Bazar.

The probe bodies headed by district and sessions judges were formed with the Supreme Court's approval.

"The probe bodies will submit their reports

within 15 days," the election commissioner said.

Investigation into the alleged irregularities in the polls to another nine upazila parishads will also start soon.

On receipt of the inquiry reports, the EC will decide the fate of elections to those upazila parishads.

Election results of the 13 upazila parishads remain suspended for inquiry.

PARTIES TO BE ASKED FOR RATIFYING PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

The Election Commission (EC) is likely to remind political parties formally this week of the legal provision of ratifying their provisional constitutions after holding national councils by July 25 to keep their registration with the EC effective.



Family members of a slain BDR officer lament at the Banani Army Graveyard where he was laid to rest yesterday. More photos on page 12.

Govt asked to restore 10 HC judges

SC upholds HC order, but rules against giving them seniority

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday upheld the High Court (HC) judgement directing the government to reappoint 10 HC judges, who were not confirmed during the BNP-Jamaat rule despite the chief justice's positive recommendations.

The judges were appointed as additional HC judges for two years at the fag-end of the previous Awami League government.

The apex court however did not allow the government to give them seniority, although the HC in its verdict directed to that end.

The Appellate Division also said the judges will have to take fresh oath and their appointments will be considered after the oath.

Posthumous promotion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Col Zakir Hossain, one of the victims of Pikhana carnage, was promoted posthumously to the rank of brigadier general on Saturday.

His name was announced as Brig Gen Zakir Hossain during the namaz-e-janaza of 50 people, including 48 army officers, at the National Parade Ground yesterday.

7 bills placed in JS

BNP MPs walk out to protest BTV role in broadcasting Khaleda's speech

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two bills were placed in parliament yesterday seeking to enact laws for continuation of the three public limited companies, including Bangladesh Biman Airlines and Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB), formed by the immediate past caretaker government.

Five other bills were also put before parliament seeking to enact new laws on separation of the judiciary from the executive, Human Rights Commission, protection of consumers' rights, Gram Sarkar and providing Supreme Court's judges with recreation and dearness allowances.

Probe graft at JS Secretariat during Sircar's tenure

Treasury bench members demand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Treasury bench lawmakers yesterday demanded in the House formation of a parliamentary body to investigate alleged corruption and irregularities in the Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat during the tenure of immediate past speaker Jamiruddin Sircar.

Opposition BNP lawmakers however resented the treasury bench members' remarks on the former speaker and said these were intended to undermine him.

The opposition also argued that such a discussion should not be held in the absence of Jamiruddin Sircar.

lament for the departed souls

You're the beautiful angels
Our brothers and our fathers
You were the people who loved us
& saved us from all dangers

Our hearts beat strangely
At the sad parting of your souls
The wind stops blowing
& sorrow grows

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