

ELECTION EXPENSES

BNP asked to report in detail, 9 parties warned

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Election Commission (EC) has refused to accept the poll expenditure report of BNP, terming it "incomplete", and asked the party to submit details of Tk 4.49 crore expenditures with relevant documents by April 30.

The commission also has warned nine more parliamentary parties of legal actions for failing to submit their election expenditure reports within this month, sources in the EC Secretariat said.

Of these parties, Jatiya Party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal and Liberal Democratic Party have representation in the ninth parliament constituted following the December 29 national ballots.

The EC may cancel registration of a political party for not submitting election expenditure report.

BNP, the main opposition in the ninth parliament, submitted its poll expenditure report on March 31, the last date for the submission. The one-page report contained only some major heads of the

party's poll spending and no details of expenditure of Tk 4.49 crore. It also has no information about the party's electoral fund.

The report says the party nominated 259 candidates and gave Tk 1.20 crore to its nominees but does not mention the names of the recipients. The other major areas of BNP's expenditure include Tk 1.84 crore for publicity, Tk 63 lakh for transportation, Tk 13 lakh for public rallies, and Tk 18 lakh for party workers.

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Govt to amend law, follow Nuremberg Trials model

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The government will follow the historic Nuremberg Trials as the model to amend the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973 in the next few days to incorporate a provision for trying war criminals in absentia.

Many of the 1971 war criminals are now hiding in different countries and the act does not have the provision to try them in absentia.

The government has also finalised formation of formation of the investigation

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War crime trial process gets final shape

Appointment of investigating agency in 3 days, prosecutors in 2 weeks, decides govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will assign an investigation agency within three days and prosecutors in 10 to 15 days to probe the genocide committed by the collaborators of the Pakistani occupation forces during the 1971 Liberation War, said Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday.

"A tribunal will also be formed later to try the war criminals in compliance with the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act, 1973," he said after an inter-ministerial meeting at the home ministry.

Some three million civilians were killed by

the Pakistani occupation forces and their collaborators in 1971, while about 200,000 women were violated, and thousands of houses were torched and plundered.

Briefing journalists at the law ministry later, he said they were yet to decide on who would be appointed as the investigation officer.

"We have just started the process," Shafique said.

The law minister said the trial of war criminals would be fair and transparent so that no innocent person is victimised.

"We want to bring the real culprits to

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Ministers say no political motive behind govt decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cancellation of the allotment of BNP chairperson's cantonment house was neither politically motivated nor an act of revenge, claimed two ministers.

"As she [Khaleda] violated a number of conditions of the allotment, the government cancelled it," Commerce Minister Faruk Khan told The Daily Star at his ministry office yesterday.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday also said the cancellation of the lease of Khaleda Zia's cantonment house was not a political move

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BNP threatens to wage movement

Asks govt to rescind cancellation of lease of Khaleda's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Senior BNP leaders yesterday said if the government does not withdraw its "illegal" decision to cancel the allotment of Khaleda Zia's cantonment house, they would forge a movement.

"People will not sit idle if the government fails to revoke its decision on Khaleda Zia's cantonment house and the government will be responsible for any situation that might arise," said BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain.

BNP leaders said this while addressing a rally, organised to protest the government decision, in front of BNP Central Office at Naya Paltan yesterday.

Senior BNP leaders including Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Moudud Ahmed, Jamiruddin Sircar, Moyeen Khan, Tariqul Islam, Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, Mirza Abbas, Zainal Abidin Farroque and Rizvi Ahmed also spoke at the rally with Delwar chairing.

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka

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BNP holds a rally in front of its central office at Naya Paltan yesterday protesting the cabinet decision to cancel the allotment of Khaleda Zia's cantonment house.

PHOTO: STAR

Khaleda to go for legal battle

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will go for a legal battle against the government decision cancelling allotment of her house in Dhaka Cantonment immediately after an official notification is issued for implementing the decision.

The leader of the opposition in parliament will file a writ petition with the High Court (HC) challenging legality of cancellation of allotment, and her lawyers have already started working on it.

The government on Wednesday cancelled allotment of the house due to a number of anomalies regarding the allotment within the

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FUNDING MILITANTS Kuwait-based NGO director deported

KAILASH SARKAR and ANWAR ALI

The government on Wednesday deported Sudan national Abbas Bao, director of Bangladesh chapter of Kuwait-based NGO Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS), and asked him not return as he is an "unexpected" person in the country, sources say.

The sources from the

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Speaker asks JS body to go ahead with ACC issue

Commission has to respond to committee's call, say parliamentary experts

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

Speaker Abdul Hamid yesterday asked the Committee on Public Undertakings to decide on the next course of action regarding the Anti-Corruption Commission's refusal to appear before it.

His directive came as Parliament Secretariat officials contacted him after receiving a letter from the anti-graft body, said sources.

The speaker, custodian of the House, said if necessary, he would intervene.

Committee Chairman Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir said they would make a decision on the matter on April 12.

Earlier on April 7 the committee, mandated to examine the working of the public undertakings specified in the rules of procedure of parliament, sent a letter to the commission to

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8 JMB operatives among 24 outlaws held in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police captured eight outlawed Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) militants and 16 underground operatives of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) during a ten-hour special drive in Bagmara upazila yesterday.

Led by Additional Police Superintendent Abdul Kuddus Chowdhury of

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Ex-leaders behind BCL factional feud

They control several groups for their own interest as current leaders fail to maintain command

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN and HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Taking advantage of 'inept' central leadership of Bangladesh Chhatra League, some former student leaders are allegedly pulling the strings behind the BCL factions blamed for the recent spate of violence in educational institutions.

Several activists of Chhatra League, student wing of ruling Awami League (AL), have told The Daily Star that the ex-BCL leaders are using the groups to achieve their own ends.

Some former student leaders on the other hand said cadres from other outfits infiltrating BCL and those left out of the central committee due to the age bar (29 years) are responsible for factional clashes, extortion, tender manipulation and illegal trade over admission to schools, colleges and universities.

They also noted that the current leadership's failure to reorganise BCL across the country in adherence to the age limit has got the organisation into this mess.

The age limit, set by AL President Sheikh Hasina to make Chhatra League politics off-limits to non-students, was first applied in the council of 2006 that elected Mahmud Hasan Ripon and Mahfuzul Haider Roton as president and general secretary.

Since taking over, Ripon-Roton committee could form only a few committees using the age criterion.

Speaking in return for anonymity, a central leader told The Daily Star, "Most of the district and university committee leaders do not really bother to listen to our president and general secretary as the two are many years their junior."

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20 injured as BCL factions clash at JNU

38 expelled

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least 20 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and an assistant proctor were injured during a string of clashes between two BCL groups over establishing supremacy at Jagannath University (JNU) yesterday.

Soon after clash, BCL's JNU unit president and general secretary at a press conference expelled 38 of their activists and cautioned another against anti-organisational activities.

Campus sources said the clashes took place between groups led by JNU unit president Ripon and its general secretary Khokan around 11:00am near the Arts building.

Farhad, Masud and Shariful were critically injured in the incident and rushed to nearby Sumana Clinic. They were later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated, sources added.

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52 BDR men remanded, 40 shown held

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Fifty-two BDR jawans were placed on remand, 40 of whom shown arrested yesterday at the Pilkhana headquarters.

The investigators recorded the statements of 50 other jawans, six family members of killed BDR officers, and recovered the wallet of assassinated director general of BDR Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed from Pilkhana.

The Court of Metropolitan Magistrate Rashed Kabir

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CRIMINAL CASES SC clears way to hold Aman's trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday stayed two High Court (HC) orders that had earlier stayed the proceedings of two criminal cases against former BNP state minister Aman Ullah Aman.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice MM Ruhul Amin passed the orders after hearing two petitions for leave-to-appeal filed by the government.

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Students of Fine Arts Faculty of Dhaka University preparing for the Pahela Baishakh celebrations, the Bangla New Year. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Extortionists go on rampage failing to get toll from buses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of 20-25 extortionists equipped with sticks and iron rods vandalised three buses, injured two transport employees and snatched Tk 11,000 from a bus counter cash box in the city's Lalbagh yesterday.

The injured transport employees were Bhajan Das, 52, supervisor of Bikalpa City Super Service and Enayet Hossain, 30, counter master of Duldul Paribahan.

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1 shot dead at manpower agent's office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals sprayed bullets at the office of a recruiting agency in the city's Banani area yesterday that left its one staff killed and another injured.

Following the shooting, the criminals escaped the scene leaving behind a sweetmeat packet which contains a piece of shroud, one bullet and a chit, inscribed with a threatening message against owner of Dhamashi Tours and Travels

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