

## AL constitution

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any associated or affiliated body consisting of teachers or students of any educational institution, or employees or workers of any financial, commercial or industrial establishment or institution, or the members of any other profession.

In compliance with the RPO provision, the AL dropped names of Sramik League and Chhattri League from the list of its associated bodies.

The ruling party ratified the provisional amendments to its constitution at the July 24 national council, and submitted a copy of those to the EC. The provisional changes were made before the ninth parliamentary polls to meet the registration criteria.

The constitution of LDP lacks provision for reserving 33 percent posts for women in all party committees including the central committee, and achieve this goal by 2020.

Its charter also does not provide for nomination of candidates for parliamentary polls by the parliamentary board of the party from the panels prepared by members of ward, union, thana, upazila or district committees concerned.

The constitutions of Samyabadi Dal and JP also do not have provisions for reserving 33 percent positions for women in all party committees including their central committees, and achieve this by 2020, EC officials said.

Earlier, the EC had formed an experts' committee, which also included some of its senior officials, to examine the political parties' constitutions submitted to it.

## Sluggish ADP

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percentage point and 3 percentage points more than the first quarter of the previous two financial years while 1 percent point lower than 2006-07.

During the time both revenue collection and investment were poor. The revenue growth was only 9 percent.

The NBR blazed slow pace of ADP implementation for the sluggish collection of revenue. Bangladesh Bank echoed the same saying emphasis should be given on rapid implementation of the ADP to boost investment.

In its quarterly report released yesterday Bangladesh Bank said given the indication of sluggish trend of spending allotted money, full implementation of ADP targeted for FY10 is a big challenge, which needs to pace up, particularly in infrastructure projects, to help private sector gain momentum in fulfilling the aspired GDP growth.

Last week, an IMF mission submitted a report to the government where they mentioned that slow pace of ADP implementation is having a negative impact on the government's revenue earning.

The report said, "The government should urgently address the root of chronic poor implementation of the ADP, including the capacity constraints and governance issues."

The World Bank last month released an economic update where they gave first priority to ADP implementation for overcoming the sluggishness the economy is experiencing.

## Toll-takers

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Besides, he said he had been giving them toll of Tk 3,000 per month. The criminals vandalised his shop and closed it Sunday night as he refused to give them the toll anymore.

The officer-in-charge of Pallabi Police Station however said that he heard hot water fell on Tofazzol's body when he was involved in a fight with workers of his neighbouring shop.

## Outlaw

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came to power in 2007.

Md Abu Jafar, officer-in-charge of Faridpur Police Station, said, "There were three warrants for his arrest. He was the top outlawed operative in this region."

After receiving a tip-off about a secret meeting being held by Oli and faction members, police cordoned off an area in Hadal union at around 12:25am on Monday.

The criminals opened fire on the police when they raided the premises of 'Nuru Khar Battal', and the ensuing gunfight lasted over half an hour. The police fired 37 rounds of bullets at the criminals.

Oli died of his wounds at the scene of the 'shootout', while the rest of the criminals managed to flee, police said.

## Wild elephant poached in Bandarban

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Bandarban

The committee yesterday placed before the EC its findings about the four parties' charters, meeting sources said.

It is now scrutinising the charters of other registered political parties.

A total of 39 parties got registered with the EC before the December 29 parliamentary election.

Excepting the LDP, all other parties brought provisional changes in their constitution to meet the registration criteria and promised to ratify those within six months of the first sitting of ninth parliament.

The time limit was extended by another six months by amending the RPO as some parties including the BNP failed to do so.

## BHOLA-3

The EC also decided to ask the parliament secretariat to take necessary steps so that Maj (retd) Jasim Uddin's parliamentary seat (Bhola-3) becomes vacant following the Supreme Court verdict in this regard, EC officials said.

The SC on October 18 upheld the High Court verdict that declared illegal the EC's decision to allow him to contest the ninth parliamentary election from Bhola-3 on AL nomination.

The EC got a copy of the verdict and discussed it at yesterday's meeting.

"We will ask the parliament secretariat to take necessary steps to this effect. We will go for by-election once the seat is declared vacant," Sohul Hossain told this correspondent.

## 5 army

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plotters and attackers. Some of those who had used the numbers have been detained and interrogated by intelligence officials, said sources close to the investigation.

Investigators believe the attackers sought to destabilise the government by creating anarchy.

They suspect the blast might have something to do with "Taposh's handling of things before and during the February 25-26 BDR mutiny". It might also have been made to halt the trial process of the war criminals.

Disrupting the proceedings of Bangabandhu murder case might be another motive.

Other sources say the attack might have been designed to scotch any possibility of the government taking measures against some army officials accused of corruption during the last caretaker rule.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police has so far arrested seven persons for suspected links with the bomb attack. Of the arrestees, five are from among the families of Bangabandhu murder convicts.

Sources said those with suspected complicity in the bomb attack have been under close watch.

## Babar

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a five-day remand for DCC Ward Councillor Ariful Islam Arifin in the same case.

Babar was shown arrested in the case on October 26 and remained for nine days in two phases.

Arif, who was shown arrested on Thursday, has been placed on remand for the first time in the case.

Salam was arrested for suspect links to the attack on November 2 and had earlier been remanded for six days.

The IO filed separate petitions with the second additional chief metropolitan magistrate's court seeking a six-day remand for Babar, eight days for Salam and ten days for Arif.

In the forwarding report, the IO said Babar needs to be remanded for getting more information on the grenade attack and find out the reason why he did not visit the scene only 150 to 200 yards away from his office soon after the carnage.

Salam and Arif need to be grilled for finding out their involvement with the incident, he said.

Defence lawyers submitted petitions seeking bail and cancellation of the remand prayers.

They claimed their clients were implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass them. Moreover, the IO failed to get any vital clue from them about the attack, the counsels said.

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