#### CLIMATE FUND

# Bangladesh to demand \$100b in 2020

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will demand increasing the long term climate fund to 100 billion dollar in 2020, said State Minister for Environment and Forest Dr Hasan Mahmud at the ministry yesterday.

However, though the short term 30 billion dollar climate fund was pledged in the Copenhagen accord in 2009 for three years till 2012 to help the vulnerable countries, Bangladesh is yet to receive its share of the fund, he

"We will demand at the Cancun climate change conference disbursement of the fund as soon as possible," said Hasan Mahmud at a press conference held at the auditorium of the ministry to brief the journalists about position of Bangladesh at the conference.

Bangladesh will need six billion dollar to tackle the effect of climate changes in next six years, he said.

"We need 3 billion dollar only for river dredging," he

The minister will fly on Friday for Cancun to lead the 100-member Bangladesh delegation at the 12 day long climate conference that has started on November 29.

delegation will try to establish Bangladesh as the most vul-

nerable country in the world. While talking about the fund raising to battle the climate change, he said Bangladesh has got assurance from several developed countries including UK, US, Switzerland to receive a total of 113.5 million dollar for its climate resilience fund.

"We might start getting this bi-lateral fund next year, he said.

Along with other vulnerable and least developed countries, Bangladesh will demand at the conference that the rise in temperature be kept within 1.5 degrees the pre-industrial era.

The minister said quoting the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report 2007, if the rise in temperature is not kept within 1.5 degrees, then 17 percent of the land of Bangladesh will go under sea level by 2050.

The minister also said Bangladesh is going to place its demand for the second commitment periods for the developed countries to reduce the level of carbon emission under the Kyoto Protocol.

The first commitment period of Kyoto protocol, the lone legally binding agree-The minister also said the ment is going to end in 2012.

#### 13 years of accord vided job in the police department.

So far, as many as 235

makeshift security camps of

army, BDR, Armed Police

Battalion out of 556 camps

were withdrawn since the

notices were circulated by

the Land Commission seek-

ing application by the people

about their disputed land

and a bill for small Ethnic-

Cultural Institute was passed

in the Jatiya Sangsad on April

ment departments were

transferred to the district

pointment, Sanjib Drong,

secretary of Bangladesh

Adivasi Forum (BAF), said: "I

don't believe the govern-

ment will implement the

accord fully in next three

years as it did not give a 'road

accord was not executed, he

implementation of the

agreement, a high-level

meeting between the prime

minister and the PCISS chief

ernment has taken some

steps to implement the

accord fully, it now remains

silent, Ushatan Talukder, a

top-ranked leader of PCJSS,

divided the indigenous

approximately 1,000 more

leaders and activists of both

groups were killed and

attacks and counterattacks.

Many more were abducted in

the decade-long fratricidal

clashes in the region, accord-

ing to different government

intelligence agencies and

sources working in both

United People's Democratic

Opposing the accord, the

"Formation of this group

was a conspiracy of a vested

interest circle within the

government to divide the

indigenous people. They

formed it just to make a

barrier to implement the

accord," he said at a press

accord is the only solution to

make the CHT stable, he

UPDF Prasit Bikash Khisa in

a press release issued on the

occasion of 13th anniversary

of the agreement said prob-

lems of CHT can't be solved

without full autonomy.

Implementing the peace

Chief of anti-peace outfit

conference on Sunday.

added.

After signing of the pact

DIVIDED INDIGENOUS

people into two groups.

told The Daily Star.

PEOPLE

groups.

Though the current gov-

The main spirit of the

He said for the sake of full

council as per the deal.

Some 21 out of 33 govern-

Expressing his disap-

Among other steps, public

accord was signed.

5 this year.

map' yet."

must be held.

added

FROM PAGE 16 also a former guerilla leader.

Santu expressed his dissatisfaction while talking about the situation since the government took its office. 'Many indigenous people were rather evicted from their land and conspiracy of making the Muslims a majority in the hills is still going

Asked about the status of the accord's implementation, State Minister for CHT Affairs Dipankar Talukder said the government is very sincere for its full implemen-

"Now we are facing some problems regarding activities of the Land Commission. hope there will be remarkable development in the implementation of the peace accord in next three years,

Talukder added. However, Santu Larma said only some committees like Peace Accord Implementation Committee, CHT Affairs Taskforce and CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission were reformed by this government. Besides, some 35 makeshift security camps along with the troops were

withdrawn. A strong political goodwill is needed for full implemen-

tation of the agreement, he The state minister said all

pro-peace quarters have to come forward with positive attitudes to overcome the

existing problems. The CHT accord also The accord has virtually opened a door for thousands of indigenous people to

return home from Tripura refugee camps who had fled from CHT. But around 9,780 supporting and opposing out of 12,222 indigenous families (64,609 individuals) who returned from Tripura around 1,500 injured in have yet to get back their The PCJSS has published

an evaluation paper about the status of the implementation of the CHT accord in which they mentioned that the present government has cancelled lease allocations of 593 plots out of 2,000 on 50,000 acres of land.

Front (UPDF) was formed after the PCJSS signed it with The new Bangalee settlers from the plain land have the government. Santu been occupying 40 villages Larma alleged a vested quarthat previously belonged to ter within the government formed the opposing group. the indigenous people, the

New settlement of Bangalees from the plain land is still going on and grabbing of land is rampant,

ndigenous leaders observed.

As per the agreement, the CHT affairs ministry was formed on July 15, 1998 and CHT Regional Council on September 6 the same year. Some 12,223 Jummo refugees who returned from India were rehabilitated and are being provided with monthly ration. Besides, the CHT refugee affairs taskforce was formed and some 715

member of PCJSS were pro-

10-TRUCK ARMS CASE

## Ex-NSI chief remanded

A CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday granted five days' remand for former director general of National Security Intelligence (NSI) Brigadier General (retd) Abdur Rahim in connection with the 10-truck arms haul

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Paresh Chandra Sharma passed the order after Criminal Investigation Department (CID) produced him before the court with a 10day remand.

In the petition, Senior ASP of Mohammad Moniruzzaman, also the investigation officer (IO), said Abdur Rahim needs to be remanded for more information and verification of the information he provided earlier.

With this, the former NSI chief has been remanded thrice.

On April 2, 2004, police seized 10 trucks of weapons and ammunition from the Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Limited (CUFL) jetty in Chittagong, the biggest ever arms haul of the country.

#### 00 1: SC dismisses

headed by Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque passed the order after hearing the submission from Aftab Hossain, advocateon-record for Khaleda.

Aftab told the apex court that he received no instruction from senior lawyers for the petitioner to place the petition for hearing. Other counsels for Khaleda were not present in the court.

Later, Attorney Genera Mahbubey Alam told journal ists at his office that no case relating to the residence at Shahid Mainul Road in Dhaka cantonment is pending with the The government can now

use the property as it wishes, he

Barrister Mahbub Uddin Khokon, one of the counsels for Khaleda, told The Daily Star that they did not move the contempt petition as the apex court already dismissed on Monday three other petitions filed by her (Khaleda) against an HC verdict that had upheld a government notice asking her to vacate the cantonment house.

On November 23, Khaleda filed the contempt petition against eight high officials of the government and the Cantonment Board for "evicting" her from the house on November 13 although an appeal was pending with the apex court.

## Double blow

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He did not seek the court's permission before making the

statements. The punishment for the contempt of court also included cancellation of Baset's all benefits including 50 percent of his salary and ration facilities that he had been enjoying since mutiny charges were framed againsthim.

The punishment came into effect from vesterday.

Following Baset's remarks, BDR Director General Maj Gen Md Rafigul Islam who was heading the court asked the security guards if the sepoy was chained up.

Reacting to the question, Baset said, "I have already been shackled. How many more

times will you fetter me?" The court then ordered to keep Baset away from other accused and adjourned the proceedings for 15 minutes at

11:45pm. Just before adjourning the proceedings for yesterday, the court said Baset damaged the sanctity of the court and handed down the sentence as per section 10(b)(1)(w) of the

and section 228 of the penal code. Prosecutor of the mutiny case Lt Col Shamsur Rahman said BDR laws allow the court to make such a judgment for

Bangladesh Rifles Order, 1972

contempt of court. He also said though Baset has been jailed, he will be pro-

duced before the court. BDR sources said such punishment has been given for

the first time since the trial of cases for mutiny began on November 24 last year. The sources, however, said different special courts so far handed down verdicts in eight

mutiny cases in which 273 jawans were sentenced to different terms of imprisonment and 11 others acquitted. The Special Court-7 vesterday also held cross-

examination of three witnesses by 43 accused of 24 Rifle Battalion at the Pilkhana headquarters. Lance Nayek Abdur

Rahman, one of the witnesses, in his deposition described the jawans as barbarian beasts and wild animals. His remark infuriated the accused.

Later the prosecutor at a press briefing backed the remark saying, "They [BDR men] killed army officials and threw the bodies into drains. How do you [people] describe their atrocity?"

The court was adjourned until 9:00am today.

## HSBC, Star

FROM PAGE 1 entrepreneurship.

One individual and three

institutions were awarded for their distinguished efforts in combating the global threat. The Satkhira district

administration won the award in Climate Change Adaptation category for excavating the Morrichap river, which had been dead for the last 15 years and responsible for massive waterlogging in three upazilas of the district.

Deputy Commissioner Md Abdus Samad had singlehandedly led the efforts to excavate the river.

Industrial and Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IIDFC) Ltd won the award in climate change mitigation category for financing the country's first green brick project. It helped introduce a technology that uses 50 percent less energy in making bricks.

IIDFC Chairman M Matiul Islam received the award on behalf of the company.

Aneire Ehmar Khan, a researcher from Imperial College, UK, was awarded in the climate change research and knowledge management category for her research on links between salinity in coastal areas and health, especially of women.

Viyellatex Group, a leading apparel company, won the Green Business Entrepreneurship Award for adopting green and energysaving technology in manufacturing garments. KM Rezaul Hasanat, chairman and chief executive officer of the company, received the award on the company's

The Daily Star and HSBC jointly organised the award ceremony with the objective to encourage individuals and institutions work to take on the climate-change challenge.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, who attended the function as the chief guest, said countries like Bangladesh bear the brunt when developed countries do most of the emission.

She said Bangladesh should start dealing with the challenges of the global climate change using its own capabilities.

They [rich countries] speak of assisting the poor and vulnerable countries for facing the challenges but they hardly come forward in reality. Their statements are nothing but rhetoric."

"We will welcome support and assistance. We, however, will not sit idle and lark for assistance. Not being depressed, we have already

taken steps," said the minister. Matia also disclosed some of her government's plans including dredging 'dead rivers', and developing saline and drought tolerant rice, wheat and maize to face the challenges emanating from

the global danger. She praised HSBC and The Daily Star for coming up with such an innovative idea and raising public awareness

PP filed a separate petition also

case show Abu had submitted

his petition on September 1 this

year and Manik on 26. Both the

petitions were submitted to the

On October 3, Judge

Mahbubur Rahman of the court

dropped the case altogether. It

withdrew the charges against

the seven and the rest 12

accused including top-listed

gangsters Shahadat Hossain

and Khorshed Alam, although

their names were not men-

The 12 are now on the run.

accused but the special PP

submitted another petition for

six others without my permis-

sion," Abu told The Daily Star at

could recommend withdrawal

of the case, but the court should

have seen what was mentioned

in the petition. "Only Goni was

supposed to be cleared of the

murder charge as per my peti-

separate petition, special PP

Manik initially declined to

Asked why he submitted a

Later, he said he did it upon

"verbal request" of the six

accused, as they were on bail.

He also said he knew about the

Metropolitan PP's plea for one

The six are Ebadul Islam,

Mamun Al Quiyum, Riazuddin

Rezu, Mizanur Rahman,

Shahidul Islam and Shahin, also

known as Dish Shahin.

He said the home ministry

"I had appealed for one

tioned in the petitions.

his chamber yesterday.

tion," he noted.

comment on this.

accused.

Environment Appeal Court.

Documents of the murder

for six others.

## PM meets

about the severe impacts of

Corporate Sustainability,

HSBC Asia Pacific, said cli-

mate change is at the top of the

agenda in the Asia Pacific

region due to the region's

vulnerability to this global

should integrate the demand

of the markets in operating

member of the jury that chose

the winners, said, "When we

talk about climate change we

always talk about the horrors

of the issue; we don't talk

much about addressing the

issue on our own and with our

She said addressing this

global issue would be chal-

lenging. "We all need to work

together to make develop-

ment more sustainable for the

benefit of all," said Rizwana,

also the chief executive of

Bangladesh Environmental

award, termed the winners

champions in taking on the

climate-change challenges.

He said the government can-

provide proper incentives and

policy to encourage the pri-

vate sector in taking steps that

will reduce their carbon foot-

publisher of The Daily Star,

said Bangladesh in its history

has faced numerous difficul-

ties from nature, and political

economic and cultural fronts

"But the difficulties we are

going to face due to climate

change will be different from

ties in the coming years, so we

have to prepare in a different

country most vulnerable to

climate change, so it has to

tackle the issue with its own

resources. "Financial and

technological support will

come from global develop-

ment partners but we will not

be able to take on the chal-

lenges if we don't help our-

executive of HSBC

Bangladesh, said many indi-

viduals and establishments

are working to combat the

issue but their efforts are not

that climate change would

win over us. "But the question

in a more responsible way to

protect the environment, not

just for ourselves but also for

The award-winners

the future generations,

thanked HSBC and The Daily

Star for taking up such an

initiative, which according to

them would encourage many

others to get involved in activi-

ties that help save the environ-

"Even though we petitioned

for seven accused, the court

should not have dropped

charges against all," he told The

Daily Star at the Environment

Dropping of the case alto-

gether drew sharp criticisms

from various quarters. Against

this backdrop, the government

Metropolitan Public

Prosecutor filed a petition in

this regard on Monday and the

**Environment Appeal Court on** 

Tuesday reinstated murder

charges against 18 accused

including Shahadat and

judge said the previous order

was erroneous. "So the court

accepted the petition of the

Metropolitan Public Prosecutor

dropping of the charge against

the number one accused Goni,

as the charge against him had

been deemed politically moti-

vated by the National Review

Committee for Withdrawal of

with bullets by a gang of armed

men on motorbikes near his

Mirpur-2 residence in the capi-

died three days later.

of their associates.

tal on 25 December 2005. He

His brother Afrozuddin filed

Station the same month accus-

ing Shahadat, Khorshed and 17

deferred hearing of the case till

January 27 of next year, as only

three of the accused now on bail

appeared before it yesterday.

Meanwhile, the court

Afatabuddin was sprayed

Politically Motivated Cases.

The court, however, upheld

to withdraw the earlier order."

In his Tuesday's order, the

Khorshed.

moved to rescind the order.

Appeal Courtroom.

is by what margin."

Prakash said.

Secret plea filed

He said there is no doubt

"We need to do everything

adequate.

Sanjay Prakash, chief

'We will face acute difficul-

He said Bangladesh is a

Mahfuz Anam, editor and

print," he said.

them...

way," he said.

"The government should

not address the issue alone.

Magsood Sinha, executive

Lawyers Association.

own resources."

Syeda Rizwana Hassan, a

their business," she said.

"The business community

Teresa PY Au, head of

climate change.

threat.

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The emperor recalled that as crown prince in 1975 he and his wife visited Dhaka and met with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan AKM Majibur Rahman Bhuiyan was present. 'VISIT FRUITFUL' The prime minister has

termed her tri-nation visit to Russia, Belgium and Japan very fruitful in the perspective of increased foreign assis-Addressing a reception at Hotel New Otani yesterday evening, she said

Bangladesh's friends will

continue to assist her govern-

ment for accelerating the economic progress. Hasina mentioned the Japanese government's announcement of additional \$100 million for construction

of the Padma Bridge. Besides, she said Bangladesh has also been assured of getting relaxed rules of origin of GSP on knitwear.

She informed the Bangladeshi expatriates about her meetings with the director of Waste Concern, the Japanese emperor and the knowledge partner for the prime minister, the Russian prime minister and the European Union leaders.

Hasina will leave Tokyo for home this morning.

## SC left

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The bench observed that the court had no other alternative but to dismiss the leave to appeal petition as it was not placed. The court said it requested

TH Khan time and again since 9:30am to begin his submission on the leave to appeal petition, but he refused to place the matter before it. "We brought to his notice that the proceedings of the

highest court of the country are

stuck up for the last 90 minutes

and for such a long time the court could not resume its judicial work," it said. "We also assured him again and again that we shall hear all the matters one after another and also hear his colleagues

but to no avail. "At this stage, he said that he needs further instructions, but failed to explain why he cannot place the Civil Petition [leave to appeal petition] for consideration, while he was ready to argue the contempt matter, which allegedly arose subsequently out of the said very Civil Petition. On the face of it, his prayers are contradictory.

"It may be recalled that he was ready for hearing on November 10 and it was fixed on that date for hearing today [November 29]," the order said.

The bench said in view of the above facts and circumstances, the judges are satisfied that TH Khan was not at al interested to move the leave to appeal petition.

"As such this Civil Petition for Leave to Appeal is dismissed as not being pressed. The connected application for mandatory injunction/status quo would follow the result of the Civil Petition. It is accordingly rejected," it ruled.

### 15 hurt in clash

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Awami League activists and the upazila chairman's supporters left 15 people, including police super of the district, injured.

Locals said after visiting Brahmaputra flood protection embankment, Mahbubur Rahman attended the rally at Kamarer Char Bazaar organised by local Awami League.

Then he along with local MP Atiur Rahman Atik went to nearby Kamarer Char College for having tea.

The upazila chairman

reached the rally venue at about 12:15pm and addressed his supporters condemning the organisers of the rally for not inviting him. Hearing about the anti-

rally speech by the upazila chairman, activists of the ruling AL and its front organisations protested it, resulting in a clash between the two The minister along with the

MP was confined inside the

Kamarer Char College for

about one and a half hours due

to the clash. As a motorcade carrying the minister and others was leaving the college, supporters of the upazila chairman alleg-

edly attacked the motorcade. Another programme of the minister, which was scheduled to be held at Char Pakkhimari union later, was

cancelled. the case with Mirpur Police Later, talking to journalists at local circuit house, the minister condemned the

> attack. Ilias Uddin, also president of district Jatiya Party, blamed the ruling party MP and district Jubo League for the incident.

# A plan gone

FROM PAGE 1

on Khaleda to leave the disputed cantonment house and sought to stay the HC judg-

Khaleda, through her lawyers, moved to file a petition on November 28 to get the leave-to-appeal petition dropped from the cause list on grounds that she would not get justice from the threemember bench headed by Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque.

In the fresh petition, Khaleda indirectly expressed no confidence in the apex court judges, who in their judgment on the fifth amendment had observed that former president Ziaur Rahman took power illegally.

CJ Khairul handed down a judgment on the fifth amendment to the constitution at the High Court while the other two judges -- Md Muzammel Hossain and Surendra Kumar Sinha -- gave a verdict on the matter at the Supreme Court in February.

Khaleda's counsels filed the petition with the SC section concerned but could not complete the formalities on November 28 to take the matter to the court the following

They planned to place the petition before the bench if they could get permission to make submissions on the contempt petition first. But they did not get scope for it during the 90-minute debate with the bench on November

Barrister Rafique-ul Huq told The Daily Star last evening that he stood for a while in the courtroom on that day to tell the chief justice that an application was ready to be placed to get the leave-to-appeal petition dropped from the list but he was not personally interested to move such an application. Khaleda's other lawyers

said the fear of dismissal of the leave-to-appeal petition was behind their opting for the hearing on the contempt petition first. Besides, it could also give them the chance to understand the mindset of the apex court judges. If they could sense that the

court order on the contempt petition would go against them, they would express unwillingness to make submissions on the leave-toappeal petition, said one of Khaleda's lawyers requesting anonymity.

BNP chairperson's counsel Moudud Ahmed on November 29 tried to submit the application to the apex court through Rafique-ul Huq to get the leave-to-appeal petition dropped from the cause list fearing that the BNP chairperson would not get

justice from the judges. But the court did not allow Rafique-ul Huq to submit the application and passed the order, said Khaleda's another

Barrister Mahbubuddin Khokon, another counsel for Khaleda, said the chief justice might have known the contents of the application some-

Rafique-ul Huq yesterday morning told reporters that they did not file any application expressing no confidence in the apex court.

Attorney Genera Mahbubey Alam told journalists in the morning that neither Advocate TH Khan nor Rafique-ul Hug submitted such petition. But Moudud Ahmed's chamber took the move to file such a petition on behalf of Khaleda with the section concerned of the apex

But the petition could not

## Star to plant

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and publisher of The Daily Star, announced it yesterday at a climate award giving ceremony jointly organised by HSBC and The Daily Star at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

He said the country is going to face even more disastrous situation in coming days due to climate change. "Nobody is going to help us if we do not help ourselves to fight against climate change." Besides taking the tree

plantation programme, the daily has taken several other eco-friendly measures including rainwater harvesting and different energy saving initiatives at the building on its own premises. The newspaper is currently

calculating its yearly carbon footprint with the help of renowned experts. A carbon footprint is "the total set of greenhouse gases emissions caused by an organisation, event, product or person."

be officially treated as a petition since Moudud's chamber did not take permission from the SC for its filing or its being listed for hearing.

As per SC rules, the petitioner has to take its (SC) permission to file any petition and to move it.

Moudud Ahmed, at a press conference at the north hall of the Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday, said they submitted the petition to the SC Registrar's Office seeking the Appellate Division's order to drop the leave to appeal petition filed by Khaleda Zia on November 8.

that day [November 29] said they will not hear the petition, and therefore we were deprived of placing the petition," Moudud said.

leave to appeal petition without hearing it is an unprecedented event, he said. Moudud also said the

judges of the Appellate

Division themselves should have refrained from hearing the case as per the tradition, principle and norms of this The BNP chairperson did not express "no confidence"

to drop the leave-to-appeal petition from the cause list. In the petition, Khaleda said she genuinely and seriously apprehends that she may not get "justice" if the

bench dealt with the case concerning Khaleda's previous cantonment residence.

(Khaleda) has the fullest trust and faith in the independence of judiciary and in the authority and supremacy of the Supreme Court, and holds the highest regard and respect for the Hon'ble judges."

president Ziaur Rahman for whose invaluable services for the people and the nation the aforesaid property (cantonment residence) was leased to "And now their lordships

(SC judges) having declared that President Ziaur Rahman was an illegal occupier of the office of the president, it has caused a conflict of interest on the part of the judges in adjudicating the leave to appeal petition pending before this

FROM PAGE 1 She made the comment at a close door meeting of the National Standing Committee, party's highest policy making forum, at her

Following the standing committee meet, she also held a meeting with the leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami and Khelafat

Jamaat Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam, its Dhaka city unit chief Hamidur Rahman Azad, Khelafat Majlish chief Mohammad Ishaq and Secretary General Ahmed

The main opposition, however, did not brief reporters about any of the meeting although they waited for a

ing committee meeting. Meeting sources said the standing committee finalised its next course of actions against the Awami League-led government, which might be announced at today's demonstration at Muktangon in the

capital As per the decision, the

Before the meeting started around 8:30pm, several hundred supporters of Nazmul Huda, the recently expelled

Khaleda's cabinet, appealed to reconsider the decision.

on November 21 expelled him from the party for his "antiorganisational activities". Huda, however, blamed pro-BNP lawyers who come from Noakhali including Standing Committee Member Moudud

valid the government notice

"But the chief justice on

The SC's dismissal of the

in the apex court, but sought

matter is heard by the judges of the apex court. The Appellate Division

The petition said, "She

It went on, "She believes that as the wife of the late

Hon'ble court." The attorney general said Moudud Ahmed's statement is ridiculous since he (Moudud) himself, when he was a Jatiya Party leader, had said they would once evict Khaleda Zia from the canton-

## Khaleda

ment residence.

Gulshan office. Majlish, another BNP ally.

Abdul Kader represented the

long time to cover the stand-

party will hold rallies and processions in upazilas on December 5, in districts on December 7 and in all divisional headquarters on December 9.

party leader, staged a demonstration and formed a human chain demanding withdrawal of his expulsion. On November 25, Huda, a two-time member of

BNP standing committee

Ahmed for the expulsion.