

BY ELECTION
6 BNP men
collect forms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six BNP candidates yesterday collected forms to contest in parliamentary by-election on January 27 in Brahmanbaria and Habiganj.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will pick candidates after interview and later they will file nomination paper. Last date for submitting the forms is January 2.

BNP office said Sheikh Sujat Mia, Abdul Hannan, Shafiqur Rahman and Sabir Ahmed Chowdhury are contesting for Habiganj-1 while Harun Al Rashid and Khaled Mahmud Shamol collected forms for Brammanbaria-3.

GULSHAN COUPLE MURDER
Daughter cry
for punishment
before court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Sumaiya Yasmin Bithi, daughter of Sadequr Rahman and Rumana Nargis and lone witness to the murder of her parents, appeared before a Dhaka court yesterday and demanded exemplary punishment to the killers.

Judge Kaniz Akhter Nasrina Khanam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 recorded her deposition. Bithi described how local goon Rubel shot her parents dead as they declined to marry off their youngest daughter, Nilufar Yasmin Iti, to him. According to her statement, on March 24 this year at about 8:30am Rubel and his accomplice Mithun entered their Kalachandpur residence in the city.



Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree burns effigies of war criminals of 1971 in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

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10 children die from
malnutrition an hour
Say experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ten children die across the country every hour due to acute malnutrition which can be averted mostly through proper breastfeeding and complementary feeding, according to experts.

They said promotion, protection, and support in both breastfeeding and complementary feeding are a must for building a healthy nation.

Media has an important role in persuading parents, as mothers often lack confidence in feeding their children, said the experts.

The specialists spoke at a workshop on "mainstreaming infant and child feeding (IYCF) issues in popular media" held in the city yesterday.

It was organised jointly by Eminence

and the National Institute of Public Health and Nutrition (IPHN).

Instant formula feeding causes diseases like diarrhoea and pneumonia due to unhygienic management and preparation of formula food, said Prof MQK Talukder.

He added breastfeeding can halve diarrhoea among the children especially the neonates and cut pneumonia by 25 percent.

IPHN Director Prof Dr Fatima Parveen Chowdhury; Prof Hanif of Dhaka Shishu Hospital; Prof Rukhsana Haider of Alive and Thrive; Dr Shamim Haider Talukder of Eminence; Prof Shahidullah, president of Neonatar Forum and pro-vice chancellor of BSMMU; and Dr Mesbahuddin also addressed the workshop.

Cases against
leaders a
conspiracy
Says BNPPP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) yesterday termed cases against three senior BNP leaders part of government 'conspiracy'.

The cases were filed to tarnish the image of former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar, his deputy Akhtar Hamid Siddique and BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, it observed.

At a press conference at the Jatiya Sangsad Media Centre, the BNPPP demanded the government withdraw cases against them.

Meet electricity
demand soon

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ensuring access to electricity of the poor could greatly help reduce poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals, said speakers at a discussion yesterday, calling for immediate steps to meet the nation's energy demand.

"Those living in the urban areas are lucky to have easy access to power but many rural people don't have such facilities even to cook," said Prime Minister's Energy Adviser Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury.

He was speaking as the chief guest at

the launching of a report titled "Poor Peoples' Energy Outlook 2010", organised by Practical Action, a UK-based non-government organisation, at the National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM) in the capital.

Addition Secretary Taposh Kumar Roy of Power Division said they would send a proposal to introduce a Sustainable Energy Development Authority in the cabinet within a week.

Practical Action Bangladesh's Country Director Veena Khaleque also spoke at the programme, which was part of the second National Knowledge Convention.



(From left) Prof Muntasir Mamun, former army chief Major General AKM Shafiullah, former Chief Justice Mohammad Tafazzul Islam, Advocate Manzill Mursheed and Justice Mamtazuddin Ahmed at the launching ceremony of the book 'Duiti Oitihashik Rai' (Two Historic Rulings) at the Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban in the city yesterday.

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Three murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered three bodies in city's Khilgaon, Mirpur Beribadh and West Shewrapara yesterday.

Auto rickshaw driver Faysal Mollah Chanchal, 15, son of Milan Mollah of Taltala was found dead in a drain in front of Pallima Sangsad of Khilgaon.

Night guard Saiful Islam, 26, of a restaurant 'Swapnochura' was found dead in a ditch adjacent to a restaurant at Mirpur Beribadh area.

Sher-e-Bangla Thana Police recovered the body of an unknown man, 40, from the third floor of a residential building at West Shewrapara around 10:00pm last night.

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