

MUNICIPAL POLLS  
432 made  
executive  
magistrate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The establishment ministry yesterday placed 432 senior assistance secretaries to the offices of divisional commissioners for their appointment as executive magistrates during the forthcoming municipal elections.

The ministry took the move following a request from the Election Commission to appoint 265 executive magistrates to conduct polls scheduled for January 12, 13, 17 and 18.

Rival killed  
Khalil for  
misuse of fund  
Suspect police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police suspect that Secretary General of Jatiya Andha Sangstha Khalilur Rahman, also a visually impaired person, might have been killed on Saturday by the rival group in the organisation as a sequel to long conflict over misappropriation of money.

Police have arrested two visually impaired persons, leaders of the rival group—Minhaz and Shohag. Khalil Group and Minhaz Group were holding a reconciliatory meeting in the residence of a member of the organisation at Janata Housing at Mirpur-1 Saturday night. Khalil was shot dead there.

The visually impaired people brought out a procession yesterday morning in front of the organisation's central office at Bakshi Bazar demanding trial of killers.

OC of Mirpur Police Station Kazi Wazed Ali said till date they found 11 case have been filed against Khalil.

Govt firm to  
implement  
education  
policy

Says Nahid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Saturday said the government will surely implement the new education policy despite huge challenges.

"There may be many challenges to implementing the new education policy. But we are determined to accomplish it to bring qualitative changes in the country's education system," he said.

Nahid was addressing a function titled "Priti Samabesh O Gono Sangeeter Asor" organised by the Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) at the city's Rabindra Sarobar.

CAMPE Executive Director Rasheda K Chowdhury, also former adviser to a caretaker government, placed an eight-point demand to implement the policy.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the third death anniversary of Suja-ud-Daula, a former

lawmaker, says a press release.

On this occasion, a milad mahfil and quarkhwani will be held at his residence and in the Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' graveyard after Jehr prayers today.



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Aysha Khanam speaks at a discussion at Sufia Kamal auditorium in the city yesterday on the occasion of 25th founding anniversary of Rokeya Sanad.

PHOTO : STAR

7 die in road crashes

METRO DESK

At least seven people were killed and three others injured in separate road accidents in Natore, Pabna, Benapole and Narayanganj districts on Saturday and yesterday.

Our correspondent from Natore reports: Four people were killed and three others injured in a road accident near Khejurtola area under Singra upazila yesterday.

Of the deceased, two were identified as Sadhunna Kumar, 50, of Majhgan village under Singra upazila and an auto rickshaw driver Bablu, 55, of Kanaikhal of Natore. Two more deceased could not be identified immediately.

Witnesses said the accident took place when a Bogra-bound bus from Rajshashi collided head-on with a battery run auto rickshaw.

Our correspondent from Pabna adds: An elderly woman was killed in a road mishap on Dhaka-Pabna highway near Pushpopara Bazar area at Pabna Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased is identified as Amena Beawa, 80, of village Purba-Karigarpara of Ataikula.

Police said the accident took place at about 12:00pm when a speedy bus hit her while Amena was crossing the road, leaving her dead on the spot.

UNB from Benapole says: A motorcyclist was killed in an accident on Jessore-Benapole road at Dhopakhola village on Saturday.

Azizul Islam, 40, son of Amjad Ali of Mahisha Kura village in Sharsha upazila, was killed on the spot when his motorcycle suddenly skidded and fell on roadside.

Police said Azizul was a drug peddler and was carrying Phensidyl during the accident.

UNB from Narayanganj adds: A rickshaw puller died in a road accident at Dhaka Narayanganj link road on Saturday morning.

The deceased Md Mantu Mia, 30, son of Jalfu Pradhan of Isaidar Burir Dokan area of Fatullah thana.

Police said a Narayanganj-bound bus of Utshab Paribahan hit the rickshaw coming from opposite direction at about 8:30am Saturday and badly wounded Mantu Mia.

He was admitted to Khanpur Hospital but he died at 9:30am.

Police sized the bus but its driver and helper fled away.

People with Hepatitis B denied dental treatment

Experts point out proper sterilisation of dental tools before reuse

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

Nazmin, 18, from Khulna visited the city's Sapporo Dental College and Hospital last year to pluck one of her teeth. When she disclosed that she is a Hepatitis B positive, the on-duty doctor referred her to the Birdem Hospital.

For one month Nazmin was being referred to one hospital to another and no doctor plucked her tooth. "Every hospital told me that they have not enough equipment to support me without explaining the special equipment," said Nazmin.

The doctors were avoiding Nazmin due to fear of spreading the virus. Most of the hospitals lack proper isolation units and most importantly they didn't want to take the risk.

"As our college does not have proper equipment and instrument to support a case of viral hepatitis (B), we thereby refer this case to the Birdem Hospital (Dental unit)," reads the prescription of the dental hospital.

But a senior doctor told this correspondent that no separate equipment was

needed to pluck Nazmin's tooth. They could pluck the tooth with their existing tools after proper sterilisation.

The doctor who wrote the prescription told this correspondent that he did not dare to treat the patient fearing spread of the virus in the air and as they don't have disposable hand piece (dental drill), three-way syringe etc.

"As this is a new hospital and don't have proper equipment in this regard. It could create problems for other patients as Hepatitis B is a contagious disease," he said adding that they also refer patients with Hepatitis C and HIV.

The hospital authorities have to ensure that one patient does not infect others at the hospital. The ideal procedure is to treat these patients in an isolated condition. But as they are yet to set up any isolation corner, they are referring patients to the hospital where it is maintained, he said.

Talking to The Daily Star Prof Shamsul Alam, dean, Dental Faculty of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), said such patients should be treated after taking cautionary steps. Even, the patients

can be asked for procuring the tools on their own which would not be used later. But they must get treatment on emergency basis, he added.

Otherwise, these patients would hide their status for receiving treatment, which would be worse and perilous, he said.

A patient can be referred to another hospital for better treatment. But if all hospitals try to refer such patients, they ultimately would not get treatment, said Dr Shamsul.

Stressing the need for sterilisation, Dr Shawkat Mamun, outdoor dental surgeon of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, said sterilising the equipment after treating every patient is a general rule. The dental hospital at least could screen whether the virus was active or not before referring her to another hospital.

Referring to some researches, retired professor of the department of Hepatology of BSMMU Dr Mobin Khan showed that now 1.5 crore people are infected with Hepatitis B.

If sterilisation system cannot be improved at every public and private hospi-

tal and isolation corner cannot be set up accordingly, the number would increase, he added.

This is same for the people living with HIV/AIDS or other deadly infectious diseases. Now more than 2,000 people are living with AIDS. If they don't get treatment disclosing their status, certainly they would go for unfair means, said Habiba Akhter of Ashar Alo Society, an organisation working to ensure the rights of people living with HIV and AIDS.

When asked about isolation corners at all the hospitals and clinics, Deputy Director (hospital and clinic) Lutful Kabir said during the outbreak of swine flu, isolation corners were set up at every district hospital. But it was not a permanent mechanism.

"As there is nothing in the Hospital and Clinic Act 1982 regarding isolation corner, we have nothing to do actually," he said.

He also said the law is waiting for amendments but unfortunately it did not incorporate the issue of establishing isolation corners to prevent spread of infection in the hospitals.

NU teachers,  
staff threaten  
tougher  
movement

UNB, Gazipur

Teachers and employees of National University yesterday threatened to go for tougher movement if the authority proceeds with its plan to terminate employees appointed after 2003.

They also placed their 17-point-demand to vice-chancellor, including shunning plan to dismiss 1105 teachers, officials and staff appointed during BNP-led 4-party rule in 2001-06.

Speakers at a rally said they will stage another protest rally at 11:00am today on the campus from where their next course of action will be announced.

Later they submitted their charter of demands to the VC.

Shawkat's writings focused  
on Bangalee nationalism

Say speakers

DU CORRESPONDENT

Shawkat Osman was a politically conscious writer who presented the ideology of Bangalee nationalism and national identity in his writings, said speakers at his 95th birthday anniversary programme yesterday.

Shawkat used satire in 'Kritodasher Hasi' as a new writing style in Bangla literature against the then martial law of West Pakistan and in 'Janani', another world-class novel, said speakers recalling on memories of him.

Shawkat Osman Smriti Parishad arranged the programme at city's Liberation War Museum.

State Minister for Science and Information and Communication Technology Yeafesh Osman, Prof Firoza Yasmin, Prof Bulbon Osman and filmmaker Syed Salauddin Jakir spoke at the

programme with eminent poet Ahmed Rafique in the chair.

Rafique said Shawkat tried to break the chain of social discrimination and dishonesty through his writings.

After the War of Liberation, he did not talk to anyone involved with anti-liberation activities, as he loved his country and nation, Rafique said.

Yeafes said he used to think that Shawkat wanted to be a politician as his writings presented revolution against social menace and his writings spoke on the needs of the nation.

"I urge politicians to come out from the politics of amassing wealth and practice that of sacrifice like the writer," Osman said.

Bulbon, the writer's son, expressed grievance that they could still not enrich themselves by incorporating the wealth of the writer's ideology.



Apollo Hospitals Chief Executive Officer Michael S Potter, second from right, its Chief Operating Officer Shahjahan Majumder, third from left, and General Manager Dr Shagufta Anwar, second from left, cut cakes to celebrate the New Year through a colourful programme on its premises in the city on Saturday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

DHAKA  
TODAY

Anniversary

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will celebrate its 59th founding anniversary. Venue: 5, Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Ramna, Time: 4:00pm.

Lecture

BIBM will arrange a memorial lecture on 'Ethics in Banking'. Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Time: 6:30pm.

Symposium

A symposium of the international consortium for social development will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel, Time: 2:30pm.

Seminar

A seminar on digital Bangladesh and the role of mobile banking will be held. Venue: Multiplan computer city, New Elephant Road, Time: 11:30pm.

Fund for state owned power  
plants on the cards

Bss, Dhaka

Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) is to form a separate fund for maintenance of the state owned power plants as Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) failed to do so due to huge power demand and financial constraint.

BPDB needed a Taka 300 crore to 400 crore annually to maintain power plants in the country.

"We are planning to form this fund through our executive authority as we want to ensure the maintenance job of BPDB power plants so that it could produce adequate amount of power in its life span," BERC Chairman Yusuf Hossain told the news agency.

The BPDB is producing 3800-4200 MW power from 55 units of its 19 power plants.

Yusuf said the BERC will form this fund from a portion of power tariff (when the commission will increase the tariff) and will direct the BPDB to strictly maintain the maintenance schedule as per

requirement.

"It will be similar as Energy Development Fund," he added.

According to the BPDB the installed capacity of BPDB is 6500 MW and the de-rated capacity is 5800 MW out of it 1000 MW is not in operation as it requires maintenance.

The BERC chairman told the news agency that the state run power generation authority is not maintaining the maintenance schedule of any power plant due to power demand and fund constraint.

"BPDB failed to maintain the chart as most of its base-load power plants are 30 to 40 years old. To meet the huge demand it asked to be operative in all time," BERC chairman said.

Former adviser and a Buet Prof Dr M Tamim said it is mandatory for a power plant to go for maintenance after 50,000 hours.

"There are many plants those are to go for maintenance though it already running 1,50,000 hours," a BPDB official said.

He said due to this the life-span of a plant became short and it produced less than its capacity. We have no way to address the issue as we always asked to go for operation, he added.

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