

HC rejects petitions of Nizami, Mojaheed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected two separate petitions filed by Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Motiur Rahman Nizami and Ali Ahsan Mohamad Mojaheed for quashing the proceedings against them in Barapukuria coalmine corruption case.

Delivering a verdict on the petitions, the HC also vacated its earlier order that stayed the proceedings against the top Jamaat leaders.

The HC bench of Justice Mohammad Anwarul Haque and Justice Md Mujibur Rahman Miah yesterday delivered the verdict after holding hearing on the petitions.

Barrister Abdur Razzaq appeared for Nizami and Mojaheed.

## AL betrayed martyred intellectuals through one-party rule: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP leaders yesterday said the ruling Awami League betrayed the martyred intellectuals by establishing a one-party rule which disregards democracy and destroys the spirit of the War of Liberation.

"The Razakar and Al-Badr played a main role in killing the intellectuals to cripple the emerging nation intellectually after sensing the defeat of the Pakistani forces.

"The big question is why these killers were not tried after the War of Liberation," they said at a discussion organised by BNP at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the city.

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was in the chair.

Moudud Ahmed said, "AL destroyed everything by establishing a one-party rule though it claims to be a pro-liberation force. The spirit of the War of Liberation will be brought back by establishing democracy through a tougher movement."

Fakhrul said the spirit of the Martyred Intellectuals' Day will be established by ousting the AL-led government from power through a mass upsurge.

"The country is in a deep crisis. National unity is under threat due to the government's efforts to establish a one-party rule. We have to overcome this situation through a movement under the leadership of Khaleda Zia," he said.

MK Anwar said those who pardoned the identified war criminals after the War of Liberation must be tried before holding the trial for crimes against humanity.

## Book on learning English from BBC Janala published

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"BBC Janala English Shikhar Boi," a book of leaning English published by Prothom Alo Prokashan, was unveiled at Prothom Alo office in the city yesterday.

The book is the collections of the already published lessons on English learning of BBC Janala in Prothom Alo. The price of the book with two audio CDs is Tk 100.

Prothom Alo editor Matiur Rahman, Dhaka University teacher Syed Manzurul Islam and Country Director of BBC World Service Trust Charlotte Imbert, among others, were present at the event.



PHOTO: STAR  
Guests hold "BBC Janala English Shikhar Boi" (book to learn English by BBC Janala) after its unveiling at the Prothom Alo office in the city yesterday.

## Bangladesh Festival in Kolkata Dec 16

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A five-day Bangladesh Festival will begin in Kolkata, the capital of the Indian state of West Bengal, on December 16 to celebrate 40 years of the Independence of Bangladesh.

Singers Farida Parveen, Khayrul Aanam Shakeel, Fahmida Nabi and Ayub Bachchu and his band LRB from Dhaka will perform in the festival, official sources said.

About 30 stalls will be at the festival, where Bangladeshi saris, handicrafts and also Hilsa fish will be available.

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