



GAZIPUR CITY CORPORATION POLLS



1) Ballot counting in progress at Chhoto Dewri Government Primary School centre in Joydevpur after polling in the Gazipur City Corporation election ended at 4:00pm yesterday. 2) Female voters, most of them garment workers, line up in front of Tongi Kindergarten. 3) A car of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) patrolling the Kendrio Jame Masjid road in Joydevpur. 4) An ardent 105-year-old voter, Khushi, casting her ballot at Meghdubi centre in Joydevpur. 5) BNP-backed mayoral candidate MA Mannan casts his vote at Shalna Senior Fazil Madrasa in Gazipur. 6) Awami League-backed mayoral runner Ajmat Ullah Khan exercises his franchise at Little Flower Kindergarten in Tongi. 7) Two polling agents show pictures of a councillor candidate to a woman and seek her vote in favour of the candidate outside Gazipur Government Mohila College during the polling in violation of the electoral code.

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Govt should provide necessary facilities to policewomen
Conference told
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Given the sharply rising number of policewomen in the country, the government should provide sufficient number of quarters to them and day care centres to look after their children, said speakers yesterday.

"We have limitations when it comes to providing residential and other facilities for women," said Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker. However, he could not say the exact number of quarters allocated for policewomen.

The number of policewomen is now close to 6,000 while it was just 14 in 1974, he said, adding that around 4,000 female police were recruited in the last four and half years alone.

Hassan Mahmood Khandker was addressing the first national conference of Bangladesh Police Women's Network (BPWN) at police headquarters in the capital. The network was formed in 2008 to address problems faced by policewomen in their jobs.

"Instead of limiting themselves to activities at victim supporting units and dealing with cases of women repression, women are now taking part in almost all major activities of law enforcers," he said.

Females now constitute nearly 5 percent of the total 1.51 lakh police in the country, said Mokhlesur Rahman, additional inspector general of police.

Ayesha Khanam, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, among others, also spoke.

US STATE DEPT EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES Alumni bridging two countries
Says Dan Mozena
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador Dan Mozena yesterday said Bangladesh alumni of the US state department exchange programmes were working as builders of great bridges between Bangladesh and the US.

They are also playing an important role in building a new Bangladesh, he told the US Department of State Exchange Alumni General Assembly in the capital's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

Mozena said he had asked the alumni to contribute to building a middle-income Bangladesh by providing quality education and healthcare and undertaking socio-economic development activities so that Bangladesh could be "the next tiger in Asia".

The US state department offers many programmes for non-US citizens wishing to go to the US for cultural, educational or professional exchange.

Over 2,000 alumni, including educationists, engineers, lawyers, physicians and journalists, who went to the US under 20 different programmes, attended the assembly.

Of them, seven were conferred Alumni Excellence Award for their contribution to various sectors.

They are Mohammad Ferdous, Badrun Nessa, Shamim Shihab, Nasrin Siddiqua, Mustahsin Islam, Korvi Rakshand and Tanbir Siddique.

Mexican president praises Bangladesh's achievements
New envoy from Dhaka submits credentials
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto appreciated the strides made by Bangladesh, particularly in the economic field, and emphasised more trade cooperation between the two countries in the coming days.

He told this when M Fazlul Karim, Bangladesh ambassador to Mexico, presented his credentials to the Mexican president in a ceremony held at the Palacio Nacional in Mexico City on Wednesday, said a foreign ministry press release.

During a short talk following the ceremony, President Peña Nieto also appreciated the opening of the Bangladesh embassy in Mexico and felt that this would help further strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two friendly countries.

Fazlul Karim, the first resident ambassador of Bangladesh to Mexico, underscored the need for closer economic cooperation with Mexico and urged to encourage Mexican businessmen to invest in Bangladesh and import Bangladeshi products, which offer competitive price and high quality.

The Mexican president expressed hope that the two countries would be able to fully harness the potential for mutual benefit.

TUESDAY'S GUNFIGHT WITH COPS IN CAPITAL 'Carjacker' dies from wounds in DMCH
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A suspected carjacker, who sustained bullet wounds early Tuesday in a "gunfight" with law enforcers in the capital's Gulistan, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Three alleged carjackers, including the deceased, Yasin Bepari, 26, and a constable of the Detective Branch of Police suffered bullet injuries in the incident.

All of them, including DB police constable Azizul Islam, 30, were admitted to the hospital where Yasin died from two gunshot wounds in the abdomen. Azizul was shot in the left knee.

Detectives said a group of carjackers, who were riding a snatched pick-up, opened fire on a 12-member team of DB police after they asked the gang to stop near Golap Shah Mazar in Gulistan around 12:30am Tuesday. The DB police team went there on secret information that a pick-up had been snatched, they added.

The three wounded carjackers were arrested following the "gunfight" and taken to the hospital. They were Yasin, his younger brother Korban Bepari, 22, and Robiul, 24. Another miscreant evaded arrest.

Yasin's father Abdus Sobhan Bepari, a resident of Shibchar upazila in Madaripur, told The Daily Star that his two sons used to live in the capital's Begunbari area and drive pick-ups.

On Tuesday, detectives arrested Korban and made a phone call by him to Yasin asking him to come in front of Golap Shah Mazar, said Sobhan. When Yasin came with his pickup, the DB police shot him and injured him seriously, he added.

DB police constable Azizul, however, told The Daily Star that the miscreants opened fire on them first, and his team retaliated. His team is in-charge of preventing robbery and mugging in Dhaka south zone of DB police, he added.

Rajshahi University celebrates 60th founding anniversary
RU CORRESPONDENT

Shamsuzzoha who was shot dead by Pakistani army in 1969 against the movement of Pakistani oppressive rulers.

RU former vice chancellor Prof Sydur Rahman Khan said the university always came forward during important movements in the interest of the nation.

He urged the students to play a greater role in promoting the spirit of the Liberation War.

Among others, RU Pro-VC Prof Sarwar Jahan, former pro-VC prof Mamunul Keramat, Social Science Faculty Dean Prof Ansar Uddin, Rajshahi University Teachers' Association President Prof M Azhar Ali, Rata General Secretary Prof Sultanul Haque addressed the programme.

RU started its journey on July 6, 1953 with six departments under three faculties with only 161 students and 68 teachers with Prof Itrat Hossain Zuberi as the founder VC.

Now it has about 26,000 students and 1,200 teachers in 48 departments under nine faculties, five research institutes, and 16 residential halls.

Obituary

City Desk
Mohammad Golam Murtaza, former director of National Bank, passed away at United Hospital in the capital on Friday evening at the age of 83.



He had been suffering from old age complications, says a press release.

Murtaza is survived by his wife Zainab Murtaza, one son, two daughters, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren.

He started his career as an officer in the Pakistan Air Force. Later, he was thrice elected president of Dhaka Club. He also served as treasurer of Red Cross, chairman of Raowa Club, and president of the Flying Club.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan Azad Masjid after Zohr prayers today, and a doa mahfil will be held at his residence after Maghrib prayers tomorrow. Family, friends and well-wishers were requested to attend the events to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

Sarquome Yunus
CITY DESK

Sarquome Yunus Ayat Ullah, son of former motwalli of Dargah-e-Hazrat Shahjalal (R) Sarquome AZ Abdullah, died of cardiac arrest yesterday. He was 73.

He left behind his wife, two daughters, sons-in-law, four grandchildren, and a host of relatives and admirers, says a press release.

Yunus Ayat Ullah played a significant role in the development of jute industry in Bangladesh.

He obtained higher education in jute technology from the Dundee University in Scotland and joined the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) in post-liberation period.

He retired from Pubali Jute Mill as general manager in 1983.

He will be buried at his family graveyard at the dargah premises following namaz-e-janaza at the dargah mosque after Zohr prayers today.

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13th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Today is the 13th Death Anniversary of our beloved father Mr. Musharrif Hussain Chowdhury. He was a Vanguard soldier of language movement of 1952 and in recognition for this contribution he was awarded Ekushe Padok. He was also the former Managing Director of Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd.

The family members of late Musharrif Hussain Chowdhury have requested all his relatives, friends, former colleagues and well-wisher to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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