

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gives a copy of "The Unfinished Memoirs" written by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to newly appointed Brazilian Ambassador in Dhaka Wanja Campos da Nobrega at the premier's office in the capital yesterday.



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## CANCELLATION OF JAMAAT'S REGISTRATION EC to take decision after SC verdict

Says Election Commissioner Zabed Ali

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission will take a decision regarding cancellation of Jamaat-e-Islami's registration after the final disposal of the case at the Supreme Court, said Election Commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) Zabed Ali yesterday.

"As it is a sub-judice matter, the fate of Jamaat's registration now depends on the court's decision. So, we will have to wait till final disposal of the case. After that we will take further steps," he said while talking to reporters at his office in the EC Secretariat.

On August 1, following a writ petition, a three-member special High Court bench declared illegal the registration of Jamaat as a political party with the EC and ruled that the registration has no legal effect.

Regarding revising Jamaat's constitution, Zabed Ali yesterday said a series of letters were exchanged between the EC and the party over modification of its constitution. However, the process has been halted as the issue is pending at the court, he added.

If Jamaat's registration is cancelled, the party can reapply for registration following due procedure, said Zabed.

After the HC's verdict on August 1, Jamaat filed a stay petition with the SC.

Later on August 5, the SC rejected the petition seeking stay on the HC verdict. The rejection means the HC verdict will remain in force until the apex court issues further order.

## Import Bangladeshi products

Prime minister urges new Brazilian envoy

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged Brazil to import "world-class" Bangladeshi products like jute, ready-made garments, leather and leather goods, ceramic and pharmaceuticals.

The prime minister made the call when newly appointed Brazilian Ambassador to Bangladesh Wanja Campos da Nobrega met her at her office.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, PM's press secretary Abul Kalam Azad said various issues of mutual interests came up at the meeting for discussion.

Terming Brazil an important trade partner of Bangladesh though the two-way trade is heavily in favour of Brazil, Sheikh Hasina hoped that Brazil will extend duty-quota-free market access of Bangladeshi products to its market.

The prime minister appreciated the government of Brazil for reopening its resident mission in Dhaka, and hoped that the ties between the two countries would get strengthened in the future.

Welcoming the new envoy, Sheikh Hasina said Brazil is a household name in Bangladesh as football is highly popular here.

Hasina said Bangladesh feels that Brazil's enhanced role in the multilateral forums has eventually strengthened the voice of the developing countries bringing pluralism in multilateralism.

She mentioned that even when residential missions in each other's capitals were closed, Bangladesh maintained a very close relation with Brazil particularly in the multilateral forum as Brazil is a very crucial global player.

Referring to Bangladesh's recent support to Brazilian candidature in a number of international forums, the prime minister expressed confidence that Brazil will also support Bangladesh's candidature at the Human Rights Council in 2015.

She also stated that Bangladesh expects Brazil's support in its bid for the non-permanent seat of the UN Security Council.

Ambassador at-Large M Ziauddin was, among others, present at the meeting.

## NATIONAL MOURNING DAY AL leaders to feed destitutes as poll campaign strategy

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Awami League lawmakers will feed the destitute people across the country on National Mourning Day today as part of an election campaign strategy for the next general polls.

In addition, the party will organise special prayers in all mosques, temples and churches throughout the country for Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members who were assassinated by a group of army officers on this day in 1975.

Noakhali AL MP Ekramul Karim Chowdhury bought the highest number of cattle--130 cows--for feeding the destitute in his area, said his close associates.

Like Chowdhury, many other lawmakers have brought cattle numbering five to 50 in their respective constituencies to feed the destitute.

Among the city lawmakers, Aslamul Haque Aslam paid money to his close associates to purchase 27 cattle, while Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Ilias Mollah, Kamal Ahmed Majumder, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, and Mizanur Rahman Khan Dipu have bought over a dozen cattle each and Abdur Rahman of Faridpur bought seven.

"I will organise feeding in 27 spots in my constituency," Aslam told The Daily Star. Nanak said he would feed people in around 24 places of eight wards in his constituency.

The numbers of cattle bought by AL lawmakers and leaders are higher in Dhaka, Chittagong, Comilla, Mymensingh and Faridpur, said AL Organising Secretary Ahmed Hossain.

The AL has directed its city lawmakers to observe this year's National Mourning Day on a massive scale, keeping the next parliamentary election in mind. On behalf of the party, AL Joint General Secretary Jahangir Kabir Nanak, also state minister for LGRD, gave these directives to the city lawmakers.

For the last four years, the ruling party has observed the day in a traditional manner. This year, the massive scale programmes are aimed at bridging the gap among party lawmakers, leaders, workers and the people, said AL insiders.

The party will also play Bangabandhu's historic speeches through loud speakers at all constituencies across the country on this occasion.

## WOUNDING OF SAIMON Stray bullet came from BCL, Jubo League clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday revealed that the two groups, who clashed at an Eid fair at Laksmi Bazar in the capital Tuesday night leaving a boy shot in the head, were Jubo League and Bangladesh Chhatra League.

Mohammad Saimon, 14, son of Zahangir Hossain of Sutrapur in Old Dhaka, was undergoing treatment at the Neurosurgery Ward of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Sutrapur police said Saimon was hit by a stray bullet fired by Rajib Hasan Khan, deputy finance secretary of Jubo League Dhaka South City unit.

Saimon's father yesterday filed a case with the police accusing one Rajib by name and six to seven unidentified people.

Zahangir told The Daily Star that visiting the spot he heard from locals that one Rajib shot his son.

Saimon's condition has deteriorated, he added.

Ismail Chowdhury Samrat, president of the unit of Jubo League, said he did not know whether Jubo League leader Rajib or another Rajib was involved in the incident.

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