

VOTER ROLL DISCREPANCY EC checking for miscalculations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team of senior Election Commission (EC) Secretariat officials is checking whether there is any miscalculation in the voter list, said Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz yesterday.

"We hope to get a concrete result by today," he told journalists at his office. Some media reports yesterday said the number of voters in the EC's central database till Tuesday was over 9.19 crore while the EC's field level officials put the figure till Sunday at over 9.14 crore.

"It may be a mathematical error or technical fault. But the central database is correct," said Shah Nawaz.

A statement, signed by the EC director (public relations), The Daily Star received yesterday said, "There is no scope to have double names...the commission is preparing it (the list) through much scrutiny and using new technologies," it read, claiming that the figure till yesterday was 9,19,48,021.

Meanwhile, Nazmul Huda, despite being relieved of his duties as Bangladesh Nationalist Front (BNF) covenor on May 10 for "anti-party activities", in a letter appealed to the chief election commissioner (CEC) to not register the political party he had founded early this year.

SC rejects Sayedee's

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--after a hearing rejected the petitions against the judges.

The reason behind the order could not be known immediately as the copy of the order is yet to be released.

The five-member SC bench--including Justices Sinha and Shamsuddin and

headed by the chief justice--then continued hearings on the appeal for the third day.

One of Sayedee's counsels SM Shahjahan read out from pages 20 to 84 of the 120-page judgement passed by ICT-1 on February 28 this year. The court fixed Sunday for further hearing.

JU BCL men

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Zaman Papon and Publication Secretary Mamun Khan, had caused the suspension of the first course's exam on September 22, the acting chairman told The Daily Star.

The two had arrived in the exam hall inside Social Science Gallery, threatening to prevent the exam from taking place if they were not allowed to sit for it. Around 20 BCL activists were also standing outside the hall, he said. Assistant Proctor Kazi Saiful Islam arrived to quell the situation but failed, he added.

The prerequisite to sit for the second semester exam is to have a GPA of 2.5 out of 4 in the first. But Mahmud

and Mamun had 0.88 and 1.68 respectively, he said.

As per the university's rules, students failing to meet exam prerequisites can apply with the Academic Council, which then holds a meeting to decide on whether to let them sit for the exam.

The acting chairman, who resigned as chairman of the examination body, said they would lodge a complaint with the JU authorities tomorrow.

The two could not be contacted over cellphone despite repeated attempts. JU unit BCL President Mahmudur Rahman said this was not a party matter but it happened between students and their department.



PHOTO: STAR

Makeshift stalls take up nearly half of Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital's Gulistan creating traffic jam in the area. The photo was taken yesterday.

PM for nuke-free world

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realisation of human faculties by peaceful means."

Hasina said there was no doubt that a price had to be paid for the promotion and the maintenance of peace. "But, we're convinced that it's much less than that of making nuclear weapons and fighting a war with these, and then going for peace."

The prime minister said the Conference on Disarmament deadlocked for decades could then move forward easily to conclude a non-discriminatory, internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons..

She said a world of contented and happy people would outright reject the acts of aggression, discover unity in their diversity, and embrace the culture of peace and fraternity. "It's in this perspective that Bangladesh has been tabling resolution on the 'Culture of Peace' at every UNGA session."

The premier said the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki shook the conscience of mankind and led to the adoption by the UN, soon after its creation, of its first resolution envisioning a world free of nuclear weapons, she said, adding that 67 years had passed since then and the resolution seemed as inadequate as ever.

Hasina said nuclear weapons were still being honed to make them more deadly, and still being stockpiled in large numbers.

"We're proud that our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, like many others, realised this danger and in his historic speech before this Assembly in 1974 appealed to spare the world from the scourge of nuclear war."

Mentioning that the day's meet would give all another chance to avoid the catastrophe, she asked, "Should we move towards a world haunted by the fear of deci-

mation or towards a world of peace, security and socio-economic development enriching human civilisation with our ever increasing knowledge and discoveries?"

"We, the 185 non-nuclear weapon countries are unanimous in opting for the latter. Yet a handful of nuclear weapon states, insensitive to the security of the majority, tragically continue to choose the path of destruction," she said.

She said valuable resources that could feed and provide decent lives to the deprived humanity were still being used to create yet more sophisticated nuclear weapons having power to annihilate the mankind.

"Could we for a brief moment ponder on the kind of world that we wish to leave for our children and grandchildren? If we do, a universal and spontaneous response would be to do away with all nuclear weapons, and establishment of a nuclear free world."

Arms, explosives

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The Rab official said collecting new members was one of his main tasks, and he had added some 400 members to RU unit Shibir since January.

The other arrestees are Abu Sayem, 23, of Rajshahi; Motiur Rahman, 20, of Jessore; and Minhajul Islam, 25, Ariful Islam, 19, Abdul Kader Bappi, 19, of Pabna; Kobir Hossain Sumon, 25, of Khulna; and Ariful Rahman, 25 of Panchagarh.

Lt Col Anwar said Yahia revealed that the Shibir central leaders were facing criticism from supporters and new members for recent Shibir-sponsored violence.

He also disclosed that Shibir leaders were considering backtracking from violent movement so that it might not affect Jamaat in the next election, he added.

The first much sought-after Shibir man, Abdullah Al Masum, assistant general secretary of Rajshahi city unit, was arrested by police on August 25.

THREATENING PUBLIC SERVANTS Fakhrul slams Nasim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday lambasted Awami League leader Mohammad Nasim for threatening public servants and ordering them to follow the government's directives.

"With his comments, he has unmasked Awami League," claimed the BNP leader at a discussion of pro-BNP organisation Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Ganoparishad at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

The discussion was organised in observance of the first death anniversary of veteran journalist Ataus Samad.

IO narrates

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Tajul in his statement said he scrutinised the case docket taken from Sub-Inspector Mahbubul Alam, the first IO of the case. "I have collected video footage from electronic media and photographs from newspapers and matched those with pictures of the arrestees and fugitives," he said.

The IO told the court that some of the accused hit Bishwajit with machetes and some with iron rods

killing the victim. He also narrated how the murderers were dressed during the incident. The IO submitted a video footage and several copies of newspapers that published different news items on different dates regarding the incident. Upon completion of his investigation, Tajul found 21 people involved in the murder and submitted the charge sheet on March 5 showing 60 people as prosecution witnesses.

Employer held

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The girl, daughter of late Khaleque Mridha and fourth among nine siblings, was employed by Nodi around one year ago, he said. Nodi told journalists it was in December 2012.

"Nodi never let Aduri visit her Patuakhali sadhar home. She was allowed to call her family only three or four times," added Mizanur.

He dismissed Nodi's claims that Aduri had fled after Eid-ul Azha with around Tk 5,000 and some gold ornaments. They only came to know from Nodi's relatives on Wednesday that Aduri had gone missing, he said.

Syed Chunnu Mia, a resident of Aduri's village and brother-in-law of Nodi's husband Saiful, a fugitive involved in a multi-level marketing business, had brought Aduri to Dhaka, he added.

Chunnu was detained yesterday and he revealed Nodi's address, said Additional Deputy Commissioner Fatiha Yasmin of DMP's Women Support and Investigation Division.

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