

# ELECTORAL CRISIS Upazila chairmen urge AL, BNP to reach consensus before Victory Day

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Bangladesh Upazila Parishad Association (Bupa) yesterday urged the two main political parties -- Awami League and BNP -- to follow the constitution and reach a consensus about the upcoming parliamentary polls before the Victory Day.

In order to protect public interest, the upazila chairmen will resist vandalism in all parts of the country, added the Bupa leaders at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Upazila chairmen present at the conference said they will announce new programmes against political violence if the ongoing crises are not resolved before the Victory Day.

Reading out a statement, president of the association, Harun-Ur-Rashid Hawlader, said, "The UP chairmen are working on creating widespread awareness to contain political violence in the rural areas."

Md Shafiqul Alam, acting general secretary of the association, said UP chairmen should be given more power and authority to ensure public security across the country.

# Khokon raped

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defence witnesses for Khokon and some documents relating to his income tax, mayorship and the photocopy of his national identity card.

**MOBARAK'S CASE**  
Yesterday, the war crimes proceedings against former Awami League leader Mobarak Hossain were adjourned until tomorrow after the defence sought two days' time as the senior defence counsel could not attend the tribunal due to the blockade.



The aftermath of vandalism by students of Savar-based Gonoshasthaya Samaj Vittik Medical College on its pharmacy yesterday following the death of one of the hospital's doctors in Patuakhali on Sunday.

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# DEATH OF GONOSHASTHAYA KENDRA DOCTOR Medical college students vandalise their hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Several hundred students of Gono Bishwabidyalay and Gonoshasthaya Samaj Vittik Medical College vandalised the college hospital in Savar yesterday following the death of one of the hospital's doctors in Patuakhali on Sunday.

They also blockaded the Dhaka-Aricha highway and vandalised some vehicles there before police dispersed them. Afterwards, the students went to the hospital and vandalised it forcing the patients to flee.

Agitated students of both the institutions, which are under Gonoshasthaya Kendra, claimed that hospital management was negligent in ensuring safety of the doctor.

The students also urged the authorities concerned to change a rule of the kendra that makes it mandatory for every medical student and doctor to visit rural areas.

Gonoshasthaya Kendra has 46 health sub-centres all over the country. The organi-

sation sends its students and doctors to these sub-centres, built mostly in remote and rural areas, for rural health development.

In accordance, Dr Maklukur Rahman Murad, the doctor who died, along with a medical team comprising 56 members was sent to a sub-centre at Golachipa of Patuakhali on Thursday.

Murad, who was the assistant registrar of the hospital, went missing on Friday and his body was found floating on a pond beside the sub-centre on Sunday. Murad's body is now at Dhaka Medical College Hospital awaiting post-mortem.

When students heard the news, they blockaded the highway. After police intervention, the students went to the hospital and vandalised it.

They vandalised, among other facilities, hospital vehicles, patient rooms, and the pharmacy.

Dr Ashraf Mollik, director of the hospital, said more than 650 patients have been forced to leave the hospital.

# Rizvi, Hannan

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making an attempt to kill policemen at Kamalapur on September 24 and before Ideal School and College in the capital's Motijheel on November 5.

BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi has also been made accused in the two cases and rest of the cases filed over the same charges in connection with a November 28 incident before BNP's Nayapaltan office.

On November 25, Hannan Shah was held at Baridhara in the capital, minutes after the opposition alliance rejected the polls schedule while Rizvi and Belal were arrested at the BNP headquarters on November 30.

Earlier Rizvi was interrogated at the jail gate in another case filed over setting fire to a bus near Shishu Park at Shahbagh on November 28 that left three people killed and 16 others injured.

Hannan was also taken on a two-day remand in another case filed over torching a car in the capital's Bhatara on October 26.

# 10 Santals

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The upazila parishad had evicted him from a piece of khas land and the five victimised Santal families, having no residence, had started living there some two months ago, they said.

# Doctors

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He added that they have to sometimes allow family members to stay due to the staff shortage.

Preferring anonymity, several doctors stated that on an average, around 25 percent of patients at the unit contract infections.

# PM seeks

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She has already achieved "Padma Shri Award" from the Indian government.

Professor Hamida Banu, born on 23 January, 1940 in Chandpur, had been working as professor of Physics department at Chittagong University. She has successfully worked in many important positions. She has written many articles and conducted researches.

# Gonojagoron Mancha condemns Taranco- Jamaat meet

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The Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday condemned UN Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs Oscar Fernandez-Taranco's meeting with the leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, which was involved in genocide and crimes against humanity during the country's Liberation War in 1971 and recently lost its right to contest the national poll.

Hours after Taranco's meeting with the leaders, the anti-war criminal platform issued the letter expressing deep shock, as the activists believe that the UN does not indulge any party involved in war crimes.

"This meeting not only undermines the memory of the sacrifices by countless Bangladeshis during the Liberation War in 1971 but it also shows that the UN is turning a blind eye to the gruesome role played by Jamaat during the war and thus contradicting the very foundation on which the UN was created over six decades ago," the letter reads.

Imran H Sarker, spokesman of the movement, said they emailed the letter to the UN secretary general and all UN agencies, embassies and high commissions in Bangladesh.

# Reinvestigation

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The investigation officer submitted the final report on May 21, 2010, saying no clue was found regarding the case, ignoring the testimonies of the victim's brothers.

The statement was signed by 33 activists including Sultana Kamal and Hameeda Hossain of Ain o Salish Kendra, Khushi Kabir

of Nijera Kari, Nirupa Dewan of Parbatya Chattagram Committee, Rokeya Kabir of Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha, Farah Kabir of ActionAid, Shireen Haq of Naripakkha, Shaheen Anam of Manusher Jonno Foundation, Iftekharuzzaman of TIB, Shamsul Huda of ALRD, and Sanjeeb Drong of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum.

# Law enforcers' negligence

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WVA Auditorium on the eve of Human Rights Day. The unit President Jenny Bom read out a keynote paper "Human Rights of Indigenous Women: Perspective Discrimination and Violence".

Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha Member Secretary Rokeya Kabir demanded that the government adhere to the UN declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples by, in collaboration with indigenous people, ensuring safety and security for indigenous women and children.

Rakhi Das Purakayastha of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad demanded imple-

mentation of the commitments and intentions regarding protecting rights of indigenous women and girls expressed by all past governments.

Indigenous women are more repressed and marginalised than other women for five factors -- ethnicity, gender, religion, regionalism and language, said Associate Prof Robaet Ferdous of Dhaka University's mass communication and journalism department.

Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti member Dipayan Khisa said only an organised political movement can ensure women their rights.

# Curtailling ACC's power

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upon his request of changing the provision.

ACC Commissioner Shahabuddin said the newly amended ACC law was dis-

criminatory and such discrimination does not last long.

Afterwards, ACC officials brought out a procession before the ACC headquarters.

# Former president Iajuddin Ahmed's first anniversary of death today

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Munshiganj



Today is the first death anniversary of former president Iajuddin Ahmed.

He died at Bumrungrad International Hospital in Bangkok on this day at the age of 81.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil has been arranged at President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed Residential Model School and College in Munshiganj tomorrow.

All have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Iajuddin was a professor of social science department of Dhaka University.

On the advice of BNP that elected him president in 2002, Iajuddin also assumed the office of chief adviser of the caretaker government at the end of 2006.

# Death anniversary

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Today is the seventh death anniversary of Advocate ABM Fazle Rashid

Chowdhury Hiru, a politician, businessman and a social worker.

On the occasion, a Qurankhwani, a doa and a milad mahfil will be held and food will be distributed among the destitute in his residences in the capital, Chittagong, village Gohira, Raozan and Cox's Bazar.

He was the president of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and founder member of the executive committee of Jatiya Party in 1986. He also held important positions in many organisations including Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, SAARC SME Forum, and World Congress of Families, USA.

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