

Textbook distribution

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Government Laboratory School in the capital around 11:00am.
The opposition's blockade, however, stirred a concern of disruption in the smooth distribution of textbooks across the country.
"We have completed all preparations to distribute the books to our children. They will come to school and return home happy with a set of new textbooks," the minister told The Daily Star yesterday.
He called upon the opposition parties to keep at least a particular period of a day out of the purview of the blockade so that students

can get their books.
"Our appeal to keep the examinations out of hartals and blockades was ignored time and again. Yet we are appealing to the opposition parties to do this favour as a part of their responsibility towards the new generation," Nahid said.
The students have become accustomed to getting books on the first day and any disruption will discourage them, the minister added.
This year, the government will distribute more than 29,96,75,938 copies of textbooks to more than 3.74 crore students of primary, secondary, ebtadai (primary level of madrasa), dakhil

(secondary level of madrasa) and vocational classes of the 2014 academic session.
National Curriculum and Textbook Board officials said despite facing tremendous problems in sending the books to upazilas due to persisting blockades, they have been able to take books to the destinations.
Against a backdrop of severe textbook crisis, the government had taken up the mammoth task of distributing textbooks to students free of cost in 2009 and since then has been distributing books at the very beginning of academic sessions.

Workers Party

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for the polls to be held in 147 constituencies, as 153 candidates out of 300 stand to be elected uncontested.
A total of 18 aspirants of the party are contesting the polls. Of them, four are contesting with the symbol "boat", electoral symbol of the AL, and the rest with the Workers Party symbol, "hammer".
Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon, also minister for post and telecommunication, delivered the introductory speech, while party General Secretary Anisur Rahman Mallik announced the 24-point manifesto in the capital's Asad auditorium.
Their pledges also include controlling imperialist aggressions and introducing agricultural and land reforms.

No hut in country if AL voted to power

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(Khaleda) rebuffed it."
Hasina also said looting and killing have turned out to be the main activities of the BNP-Jamaat nexus and the people of the country had witnessed these heinous acts during their regime, too.
About the trial of war criminals, which was one of the main election pledges, Hasina said the trial is on and courts have been pronouncing verdicts. "The government has already executed the verdict against Abdul Quader Mollah," she said.
Hasina said the BNP chairperson is now trying her best to save the war criminals.

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Biker killed

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Killing him instantly, said Bhatara police Sub-inspector Mustafizur Rahman.
There was a lack of enough safety measures at the building, said Sub-inspector Arifur Rahman who visited the spot.
Following the death, agitating people staged a demonstration. Police fired several gunshots to disperse them, said Firoz Kabir, Inspector (investigation) of the station.

No rally on SC premises

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Police rushed in and dispersed the two groups of lawyers. Two additional platoons of police were also deployed there, said Rezaul Masud.
Yesterday, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, who attended the meeting with the chief justice, told The Daily Star that the chief justice had invited them to meet him to draw their attention about the events of December 29.
He said all the judges and lawyers opined that the incidents were very unexpected and unwarranted.
The lawyers told the chief justice that they would now organise meetings and other programmes on the SCBA premises or in its auditorium, he said, adding that they could hold meetings outside the court premises.
SC judges Justice SK Sinha, Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, Justice

Nazmun Ara Sultana, Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, Justice Md Imman Ali, and Justice Hasan Foez Siddique, former attorney general AF Hasan Ariff, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President AJ Mohammad Ali, its former presidents Abdul Baset Majumder, Habibul Islam Bhuiyan and AFM Mesbahuddin, senior lawyers Yusuf Hossain Humayun and Anisul Huq, SCBA's acting secretary ABM Rafiqul Haque Talukder Raja, its former secretaries Bashir Ahmed, AM Aminuddin, SM Rezaul Karim and Badruddoza Badal also attended the meeting.
Earlier in the day, pro-AL and BNP lawyers brought out separate processions and organised separate meetings on the SCBA premises protesting the December 29 incidents.
The SCBA president at a meeting at its south hall

announced that the SCBA would observe a hunger strike at 10:00am tomorrow on its premises demanding punishment for the attackers of the lawyers.
Former SCBA secretary Badruddoza Badal told The Daily Star that the lawyers yesterday observed work stoppage at different courts in different districts including Chittagong, Noakhali and Laxmipur protesting the attack on the opposition lawyers.
Meanwhile, Bangladesh Awami Ainjibi Parishad, a forum of pro-AL lawyers, rallied on the SCBA premises yesterday protesting the opposition's blockades, arsons, and anarchy at SC.
They said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had to apologise to the nation for her "derogatory" comments about Gopalganj, the birthplace of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

22.7pc forced into child

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Plan of Action for Implementing the National Child Labour Elimination Policy" which was prepared by the ministry of labour and employment in April to protect children from hazardous child labour.
Rokeya Haque, president of Child Protection Monitoring Committee

(CPMC) and Savar upazila vice-chairman, was present on the occasion, among others.
The survey under the project, "Protection of children at risk from abuse and exploitation and ensuring their development", was funded by Netherlands-based rights body Terres des Hommes.

Justice Kabir retires

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say anything more now," he said.
As per law, a tribunal can resume a case from where it stopped even after change of its members, and a former judge is eligible to be chairman or member of a tribunal.
However, the tribunal-1 for the sake of justice reheard the arguments of both the prosecution and defence in the war crimes case against Delwar Hossain Sayedee, a Jamaat leader who was awarded the capital punishment.

Justice Kabir was re-appointed as chairman of the tribunal-1, there would be no need of rehearing.
Attorney General's Office, Supreme Court Bar Association, prosecution and tribunals' staff yesterday bade farewell to Justice Kabir who served in the legal profession for 40 years.
Obtaining his law degree from Dhaka University, Justice Kabir yesterday said frustration had gripped him, as initially there was no work for judges in the first few months in the tribunal and he thought that he would not be able to do anything in the end.
However, he said, he continued his work at the tribunal though relatives and near and dear ones often cautioned him against the risks. "Today I am content," said the retired judge, adding he tried to give his best to the tribunal.
The tribunal-1 with Justice Kabir in the chair delivered judgments in three war crimes cases--against Sayedee, Ghulam Azam and BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

Pro-AL teachers

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The post of vice president was won by White Panel's Prof Akhter Hossain Khan who contested against Blue Panel's Prof ABM Faruque behind.
The elected members from White Panel are Prof Laila Noor, Prof Lutfor Rahman, Prof Abul Hasnat, Prof Sadrul Amin, Prof ABM Obaidul Islam, while elected members from Blue Panel are Prof Abul Barkat, Prof AKM Golam Rabbani, Prof Akhteruzzaman, Prof Sabita Rahman, Prof Golam Rabbani.
A total of 1,388 teachers out of 1,779 cast their votes from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Dhaka University Teachers' Club.
AK Fazlul Haque Shah, professor of marketing department, conducted the election and announced the results in the evening.

Two murdered

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Her uncle Md Ashraf said Sumon took Rojina with him to buy her some food on Monday. Three hours later she was found dead in the shanty.
Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue sources confirmed an attempt to rape.

Man fails

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to travel 250Km.
But his father had already been buried by the time he arrived. Deprived of his right to see his dead father for the last time, Dulal cried like a child sitting by the fresh grave and cursed the politics of the land.

Ph.D Degree

Sonali Bank and Agrani Bank's G.M. (Retired) Dr. Anish Kumar Sarkar and Mrs. (Doctor) Tandra Sarkar's youngest son "Swrajit Sarkar" - obtained his Doctorate Degree in Public Health Nutrition from the University of Greenwich, UK. His Educational Background includes a BSc(Hons) in Biosciences major in Medical Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Masters by Research (MRes) in Public Health Nutrition and a three years Doctoral programme in Public Health Nutrition from UK. He has also worked as an Associate at the University of Greenwich. He is actively presenting his research findings in numerous International Conferences. i.e. South Africa, Kenya, Egypt, Ireland. Most Recently he has won an award for the best poster presentation in South Africa for his research in "Dietary salt intake among South Asian male population". He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health (RSPH), active member of Society of Biology (UK), Nutrition Society (UK) and African Nutrition Society (ANS-NS). He is currently working as a Lecturer at a UK University. His wife Mrs. Nayasha Sarkar obtained her 1st Class Masters degree from the University of Sheffield, UK in Medical Science- Human Nutrition and is working in the field of maternal and child nutrition. Dr. Swrajit Sarkar's elder brother Mr. Avijit Sarkar is an Australian citizen and is working for Australian government. His grandfather Dr. Aditya Nath Sarkar (Late) was a resident of village- Kailabari, PO- Jokahat P.S- Manda, Naogaon and was a distinguished Physician and social worker.
Dr. Swrajit Sarkar remembers with deep appreciation the encouragement, support, good humour and valuable suggestions received during the entire journey of his academic life from his parents, wife & Dr. Paul Amuna (research supervisor and mentor). He needs blessings from everybody.

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