

No fresh or mid-term poll

Says Food Minister Qamrul Islam during visit to Ctg silo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Food Minister Qamrul Islam yesterday said the government was not thinking about holding any fresh or mid-term election since the citizens were now living in peace.

"General people are not concerned about these issues. We do not hear about these issues from general people. They are only concerned about living in peace and security," he said.

The idea was in the minds of only a particular party or an alliance, some of their foreign friends and some journalists and intellectuals, he told while visiting a state-owned one lakh tonne-capacity wheat silo in Chittagong's Patenga upazila.

He expressed hope that construction of another silo of the same capacity beside the existing one will begin within the next four-five months.

Food department sources say Bangladesh has five such silos while another is being built near Mongla Port.

EMBEZZLING HAJJ ASPIRANTS' MONEY PM intervention sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A broker yesterday sought intervention of the prime minister for recovering Tk 54 lakh of 18 Hajj aspirants allegedly embezzled by a travel agency in 2012.

Broker Mahfizur Rahman, at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club, said he only used to mediate between the Hajj aspirants and travel agency Ruposhi Bangla Tours and Travel.

He claimed that he gave Tk 82.25 lakh to Mazharul Islam, director of the travel agency, to send 27 people to Saudi Arabia for performing Hajj.

Mahfizur alleged Mazharul sent only nine people to the Arab state and embezzled the rest of the money.

The broker said the 18 are demanding their money back from him.

"For this I could not visit my children and house for over a year. Some of the aspirants filed cases against me. The travel agent destroyed my whole life," he said.

The office of the travel agency was found closed and Mazharul's mobile phone switched off.

Mahfizur filed a case against the travel agent with Paltan Police Station in July last year.



(From left) Rights activists Tasaffy Hossain, Fawzia Khandaker, Khushi Kabir and Farah Kabir at a news conference at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The conference was organised to announce that global women's rights campaign One Billion Rising under the banner, "Uddome Uttorone Shotokoti", will hold a demonstration protesting violence against women before Supreme Court at 2:00pm on Valentine's Day tomorrow with the theme "Demanding justice".

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Militancy, terrorism to be resisted

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role of the Ansar -VDP men in fighting the destructive acts by the Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Chhatra Shibir and BNP, and said two Ansar men were killed and three others injured while trying to save trains and rail tracks.

Sheikh Hasina thanked the Ansar force for its responsible role in the January 5 election and said one of its members was killed that time.

Recalling the role of Ansar-VDP since its inception 76 years ago, she said the organisation joined the Liberation War responding to the call of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Hasina described various steps taken by the Awami League governments for the welfare of Ansar-VDP. "During our 1996 government, I gave you the national flag and regularised the job of Ansar members after

they had completed 15 years."

She said the service period for regularisation of jobs now came down to nine years from 15. A total of 13,097 Ansar men have enrolled as permanent members, she said.

The prime minister said there was no provision of providing dearness allowances to the Ansar members. "But such allowance is now provided to all Ansar members."

Besides, the PM added, 30 percent of the gross salary was being given to Ansar personnel as risk allowance, while Tk 5 lakh was being provided to each Ansar-VDP member as financial grant for death on duty and Tk 1 lakh for critical injury.

Later, the premier addressed the officers of the force at the Officers' Mess and enjoyed a colourful cultural event presented by the Ansar-VDP members. She also inaugurated an Officers' Mess, a multipurpose training shade, and a swimming pool at the academy.

Plea against legality of chairman's

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District Public Prosecutor Khondaker Abdul Mannan filed the appeal two days after another Dhaka court granted Mahmuda conditional bail for one month.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Md Ismail Hossain granted bail to Mahmuda, also wife of Tazreen Managing Director Delwar Hossain, saying that she had to appear before the court every Sunday throughout the bail period.

On November 24, 2012, a fire broke out at Tazreen Fashions at Ashulia claiming 112 lives of garment workers.

On December 22 last year, police pressed murder charges against 13 people, including Delwar and Mahmuda. They are also

facing charges of negligence.

On December 31, a Dhaka court issued arrest warrants against Delwar, Mahmuda and four others who were shown fugitives in the case.

The four are the garment unit's manager Abdur Razzak, quality manager Shahiduzzaman Dulal, production manager Mobarak Hossain Monju and engineer Mahbubul Morshed.

The other seven accused are manager (admin) Dulal Uddin, store-in-charges Hamidul Islam and Al Amin, security-in-charges Al Amin and Anisur Rahman, security guard Md Rana and loader Shamim Mia.

Of them, only security-in-charge Anisur is now behind bars.

2 lakh cases filed in 11yrs

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Bangladesh.

The demonstration for justice will be staged at 2:00pm in front of the Supreme Court.

Last year, over 400 organisations in 206 countries took to the streets on February 14 under this banner, the speakers revealed. They demonstrated in public places to claim back spaces where most of them are subjected to violence, they said.

"It is important to have such gatherings otherwise a woman feels afraid to speak up thinking that she is alone," said Farah Kabir. "Valentine's Day is chosen as the day for demonstration, to show men how to properly love their women."

One Billion Rising is a campaign by V-day, a global activist moment to end violence against women.

Rights activists Khushi Kabir, Fawzia Khandaker, Sara Zaker, and Tasaffy Hossain also spoke.

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Chargata upazila in Rajshahi, also a candidate, without any reason. Almost the same thing has happened in Natore, he added.

Rizvi criticised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and other ministers for their recent comments on the BNP, saying such remarks were instigating the law enforcers to attack their party men.

SC wants

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Tribunal- 1 convicted Salauddin and sentenced him to death for committing crimes against humanity during the country's Liberation War in 1971.

On October 29 of the same year, the BNP leader filed an appeal with the apex court seeking acquittal from the charges.

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Egypt invites Bangladesh to Qur'an competition

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The Egyptian government yesterday invited Bangladesh to send two representatives to participate in the 21st Universal Glorious Qur'an Competition it will organise in Cairo from April 5-10.

The participants, Arabs, non-Arabs and graduates of Al-Azhar University, will be judged based on their ability to memorise and recite the Holy Quran, said an Egyptian embassy press release.

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College and Hospital Ltd. Dr Ahsanullah also served as the president of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS).

His namaz-e-janazas were held at the Green Life Hospital, Baitul Aman mosque, Banani graveyard and on Dhanmondi's Road 7 in the capital.

All are requested to keep Dr Ahsanullah in their prayers.

Four of family die as auto-rickshaw collides head-on with truck

Driver critically injured in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Four of a family were killed while the driver of CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them was critically injured after the vehicle collided head-on with a truck at Panchmail area in Sylhet's Golapganj upazila yesterday around 1:00pm.

Residents of the upazila's Kayasta village, Humayun Kabir Afaj, 35, died on the spot and his wife Salma Begum, 30, their son Raihan, 11, and Humayun's mother Lal Banu, 70, succumbed to their injuries at Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Layes Ahmed is undergoing treatment at the hospital

Policeman burnt in poll

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"This was my husband's phone. Every time I see it, I feel haunted by the horror that befell him. But I cannot throw it away either as it bears his memory," she said.

Imamuddin found his release in death after over a month of agonising sufferings. He had to be admitted to the intensive care unit twice and suffered a stroke in between, said the DMCH surgeon.

"When the final moment came, I saw it in his eyes. I had been married to this person for 24 years and I knew when death was about to take over him. The nurses rushed to resuscitate him, but I stood in between. I wanted to let my husband die in peace," said Ayesha.

As of yet, there are still 11 arson victims receiving treatment at the DMCH burn unit.

Khorshed Alam has been in the burn unit for over two months. Burnt inside his CNG auto rickshaw in Chittagong on December 5, the three-wheeler driver was still far from his physical recovery.

However, what broke him down was not the incident, but the situation it left his family in.

"Some neighbours bought my daughters two sacks of rice, and a kind local sent some groceries to them once. I have no idea how they are managing the other expenses," he said, lying in his bed at the burn unit.

Books not hot commodity

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The programme, launched in 1984 and designed for students between classes VI and X, at present reaches around two lakh students of 2,000 schools annually.

"Contributing in such a revolutionary activity and helping increase the reading habit among students are great privileges for us," said bKash Chief Executive Officer Kamal Quadir.

bKash Adviser Khalid Hasan and Chief Commercial Officer Rezaul Hossain also spoke.

JnU students want dorm

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said Shariful Islam.

On Monday, Haji Selim told parliament that he heard "Islami Chhatra Shibir severs tendons, while BCL chops off heads and wrists".

The pro-AL student body later reacted bitterly to the remarks.

Selim won in the January 5 national election as a rebel candidate of the AL.

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