

**JU CORRESPONDENT**

The Jahangirnagar University senate yesterday elected a panel of three vice chancellor candidates, from whom the president will appoint one as the successor of Prof Anwar Hossain, who resigned in January over allegations of irregularities.

Prof Farzana Islam of anthropology secured the first spot bagging 43 votes, while Prof Abul Hossain of physics and Prof Amir Hussain of economics trail her with 42 and 33 votes. They all are said to be loyal to former VC Prof Shariff Enamul Kabir.

Initially, both Prof Farzana and Prof Abul got 40 votes each. Following five tosses, three more votes went to the former and two to the latter.

A total of 69 out of 82 senate members, who were entitled to vote, cast ballots in the hour-long election at the Senate Bhavan. The results were announced at 7:30pm.

A total of six candidates were nominated, of whom Acting VC Prof MA Matin and Pro-VC Prof Afsar Ahmed got 25 votes each, while former VC Prof Abdul Bayes got 27.

According to the university act, Chancellor and President Abdul Hamid will appoint one of the three as VC for the next

## 19 more selected for second round

**CITY DESK**

A total of 19 students from four Dhaka schools were selected through an oral test for the second divisional round as the first round of The Daily Star Spelling Bee's third season, hosted by champs21.com and powered by Horlicks, continued yesterday.

The schools are Heed International School, European Standard School, Bangladesh International School and Summerfield School.

Students from ten schools in Faridpur participated in a written test as the Spelling Bee team held an activation programme in Faridpur High School. Faridpur Muslim Mission, Zilla School, Girls' High School, Government Girls' High School, Eashan Girls' High School, Hitoushi High School, Sajeda Kabir Uddin Girls' High School, Halima Girls' School and College, and Police Line High School also participated in the test. The result will come out soon.



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Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), calls on President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban on Wednesday to invite him to launch a national campaign, "Equality through Dignity", aimed at highlighting the contributions of women and positively swaying society's attitudes towards them. The campaign is also intended to enhance the status of women and curb violence and discrimination they face. MJF is a development organisation promoting human rights and good governance.

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## Publishers want to join as organisers

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

With Amar Ekushey Granthamela expanding every year, it has been essential for Bangla Academy and the publishers to organise the fair jointly, according to owners of several publication firms.

Shakhawat Hossain Litu, proprietor of Parijat Prakashani, stressed the need, pointing out some instances of mismanagement this year.

"The academy should have provided the stalls with extra water to spray on the fair ground to reduce dust," he said, adding that the task carried out by the academy staff in the morning was not sufficient to maintain a dust-free environment throughout the day.

He also noted the lack of enough tarpaulin for roofing of stalls and absence of it over the Nazrul Mancha, where the publication

ceremony of new books is held.

"Besides, something must be done to clean the entrance to Suhrawardy Udyan, where food stalls have popped up here and there, leaving garbage piled up along the walkway," said Litu, whose publication house has been participating in the Agartala fair of Tripura, India for the last 13 years.

Chief Executive Officer of Anyaprokash Mazharul Islam said, "We could have used a larger space in Suhrawardy Udyan with bigger stalls to display all our publications, not just the recent ones." A larger space will also help arrange different programmes by writers, publishers, foreign guests, giving the fair an international milieu, said Mazharul, whose firm participated in the world's biggest Frankfurt fair in Germany.

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## 'RIGGING' IN JAN 5 JS POLLS Why not cancel Laxmipur-1 result

**HC asks EC; it also orders the commission to adjudicate allegations against two Jessore lawmakers-elect in two weeks**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday asked the Election Commission to explain in three weeks why it should not be directed to cancel the result of the 10th parliamentary election in Laxmipur-1 constituency.

In a rule, the court also demanded explanation from the commission why Shafiqul Islam, who lost as an independent candidate to MA Awal, a contender of the ruling Awami League ally Tarikat Federation, should not be declared winner at the constituency.

The bench of Justice Soumendra Sarker came up with the rule after hearing a petition filed by Shafiqul, saying Awal won in the January 5 election by rigging and committing irregularities with the help of the offices of the returning officer and administration.

**FATE OF 2 JESSORE MPs-ELECT**  
Separately, the High Court directed the EC to decide the fate

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## Muslim world's progress rests on science, tech

**Says Shirin Sharmin**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Choudhury has urged the Muslim world to exploit the benefits of science and technology to prosper.

It is impossible for the Muslim countries to make progress being alienated from the rest of the world, she told the two-day 9th conference of "Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States" (PUIC) in Iran's capital Tehran that began on Wednesday.

She also called upon the Muslim world to support the people of Palestine and their humanitarian cause, says a press release. Shirin Sharmin is due to come home today.

## Obituary

**CITY DESK**

Arifa Rahman, an English teacher of Maple Leaf International School, died following a stroke on Wednesday in the capital's United Hospital.

She was a true mentor, and a sincere and loving person, who dedicated her life for the welfare of her students, said a press release, issued by the principal, staff and teachers of the school, yesterday.

## Qulkhwani

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The qulkhwani of Minu Rahman, wife of former chairman of the press council Justice Habibur Rahman Khan, will be held at their Gulshan residence in the capital today.

Her relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.

Minu died in a city hospital Sunday, aged 72, and she was buried at Sewota village in Manikganj Monday.

## Rajuk conducts drive to free Turag floodplain

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) dismantled unauthorised earth filling equipment and demolished illegally erected boundary walls in the flood flow zone of the Turag river in Birulia, Savar outside the capital yesterday.

A Rajuk eviction team led by Executive Magistrate Shahidul Islam Bhuiyan and Deputy Town Planner Md Asraful Islam sawed through a heavy metal pipe and dismantled other structure used to dump earth into 400 bighas of the river plain by a local sand trader in Kawndia mouja near Sinnirtek.

Later, the team moved to Deol mouja near the Birulia

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## Extension of recruitment age limit for govt jobs demanded

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Current and former students of different universities and colleges yesterday reiterated their demand for extension of the age limit for government jobs from 30 years to 35.

Termining the 30-year age limit unfair, they said most students do not graduate until they are nearly 28 as the public universities are burdened with session jams.

The students, under the banner "Sadharan Chhatra Parishad", were addressing a press conference at Dhaka Reports Unity. They also announced that a human chain will be formed tomorrow, and if their demand is not met a tougher movement will be launched.

"In an ideal world, students would graduate by 23 and the current limit would have been fine. But due to mismanagement in the universities, students spend

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