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AL, BNP take stock of grassroots strength

BNP upbeat after UZ polls, but not ready for launching anti-govt agitation

RASHIDUL HASAN



With the upazila elections over, the central BNP wants to launch an anti-government movement but its grassroots are not ready for any street programmes now.

According to BNP policymakers, the party grassroots have gained in strength and confidence for waging a movement following the local body elections.

However, a number of local-level leaders have told The Daily Star that any such move would suffer a setback as they were afraid of police action and retaliation from the ruling Awami League men.

The BNP high command had decided to take part in the upazila polls as part of its strategy to fight back against the government.

"And we've achieved our target. The grassroots that were demoralised following the January 5 national elections have organised themselves

AL mulls reorganising party units, focuses on mending weak points

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE



The ruling Awami League repeatedly asked the grassroots to pick one candidate per post in the upazila polls. AL President Sheikh Hasina and General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam sent directives to party units to this end. Besides, warnings of stern action and expulsion were issued.

Still, the party had at least 303 dissidents in the polls.

The AL, however, grabbed 225 chairman posts in the elections held in five phases, resorting to capture of booths, ballot-stuffing and violence. The contenders supported by the BNP won 156.

The results could not make the central leaders happy. While coordinating the polls, they identified a gap between the central and field-level leaders. They also found problems like leadership crisis and internal feuds in local units, said insiders.

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India superstar Virat Kohli sets off for a run during the second semifinal of the ICC World Twenty20 against South Africa at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Kohli was in marauding mood once again as he hit 72 not out off just 44 deliveries.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

SOCIAL PROGRESS INDEX

Bangladesh does better than most S Asian nations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has done better than most South Asian countries in social progress, according to a report by Washington-based organisation Social Progress Imperative.

Ranked 99 among 132 countries, Bangladesh has scored higher than India, Pakistan and Nepal, losing out only to Sri Lanka in the region.

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RANKING

Sri Lanka	85
Bangladesh	99
Nepal	101
India	102
Pakistan	124

BCL leader shot dead at RU dormitory

Criminals enter his room, shoot him point blank

ANWAR ALI and MA SAYEED

A Chhatra League leader was shot dead inside his dorm room in Rajshahi University yesterday afternoon.

Rustum Ali Akanda, 22, a resident of Shaheed Suhrawardy Hall, was the hall unit joint secretary of Chhatra League and a fourth-year student of political science department of the university.

RU Chhatra League called an indefinite strike on the campus protesting the killing.

RU Chhatra League publicity secretary Abdullah Al Galib, whose room is close to Rustum's room-230, said he and Chhatra League activist Selim Hossain, a second-year



Rustum Ali Akanda

student of history, were in Rustum's room for quite some time yesterday.

Galib said he had left the room and according to Selim, Rustum had sent Selim out to recharge his phone with credit. Galib said when Selim returned he found Rustum in a pool of blood and he called Galib in over the phone for help.

Selim could not be reached for comments.

Students of the dorm said they heard a gunshot and found Rustum smeared in blood in his room around 1:30pm and Galib and Selim were there.

Some Chhatra League leaders took Rustum to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and he was declared dead at 2:00pm.

Gunmen kill Laxmipur Jubo League leader

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Criminals shot dead a Jubo League leader at Palehat Bazar in Sadar upazila of Laxmipur on Thursday night.

The deceased, Rabiul Islam, 29, son of late Jafar Ahmed, was the joint convenor of South Hamsadi union unit of Awami League's youth wing.

Police and locals said seven to eight unidentified men came to the bazar on a CNG-run auto-rickshaw around 10:30 pm and shot him in the head.

Rabiul, who was taking

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Indo-Lankan final as SA dispatched

BISHWAJIT ROY

The Indian juggernaut showed no sign of letting up on way to setting up an all-Asian final in the ICC World Twenty20. India's vaunted batting line-up completed their highest chase against South Africa to win the high-voltage second semifinal by six wickets with five balls remaining at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur last night.

The Indian bowling had impressed one and all before the semifinal and their spinners were in focus again yesterday. True to form, Ravichandran Ashwin was outstanding during his four-over spell where he gave only 22 runs and took three wickets. Still, when South Africa put up 172 for four a first final appearance for the Proteas seemed possible but run-machine Virat Kohli led India home and extended South Africa's misery in ICC global events. The right-hander hit a sublime 44-ball 72 with five fours and two sixes after openers Rohit Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane laid the platform

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PHOTO: STAR

The blood-stained mattress in the room of Rustum Ali Akhanda at Suhrawardy Hall of Rajshahi University. Inset, family members mourn at his village home of Gaibandha.



AMINUL MURDER Family, labour leaders question charge sheet

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Family members and labour rights organisations have protested the charge sheet submitted in Aminul Islam murder case, saying that it does not contain the names of intelligence officials who, they believe, were involved in the killing.

Despite repeated allegations of family members and colleagues, no intelligence agency personnel have been named in the charge sheet of the labour rights activist murder case.

The charge sheet submitted by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to a Tangail court last November has shown Mustafizur Rahman, a source of the National Security Intelligence (NSI), as the prime suspect for Aminul's murder. Mustafiz went into hiding a few days after the murder.

Though nearly five months have passed since the charge sheet was submitted, the matter came to media's knowledge only recently. In fact, even Aminul's family members were not aware of the charge sheet until this correspondent informed them on Thursday.

Aminul, an organiser of Bangladesh Centre for Workers Solidarity (BCWS) for Savar-Ashulia area and also a leader

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Govt asked to ensure fair trial

3 int'l labour rights groups write to PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three international labour rights groups have sought fair trial for the murder of labour leader Aminul Islam which they think will help Bangladesh regain its GSP status in the US market.

Leaders of the International Trade Union Confederation, UNI Global Union and IndustriALL Global Union made the demand in a letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on April 3, the second anniversary of the murder.

A leader of Bangladesh Centre for Workers Solidarity, Aminul's bullet-riddled body was found near Tangail on April 4, 2012 after he was abducted from his Savar residence.

"We condemned the torture and murder of

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