

AL mulls reorganising

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Moreover, councils of most of the units are long due, resulting in breaches in the chain of command.
AL Presidium Member Obaidul Quader, who monitored the elections, came down hard on the rebels, saying their activities hampered the voting atmosphere in some cases.
During the polls, he said, they learned about the party's strength and problems.
The party high-ups now want to establish its full control over the grassroots as they think rebels might cause trouble in future elections as well, sources said.
The AL Central Working Committee, the highest decision-making body of the party,

will hold a meeting today in this regard.
Seven teams, which were formed to monitor upazila polls, will start visiting all districts and take steps to solve the problems the grassroots are facing.
The party will also consider bringing new faces in the grassroots committees.
"Now the party will go for reorganising the grassroots as we found that most of the councils are long due," AL Joint General Secretary Jahangir Kabir Nanak told The Daily Star.
AL Presidium Member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim added, "Our main target at this moment is to reorganise the party by holding the councils."

BNP upbeat

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through the upazila polls," said Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, a BNP standing committee member.
Central leaders think their candidates have done well in the polls amid "state-sponsored terrorism," and they say this has boosted the party's spirit.
BNP's organisational activities came to a near halt after its failure to resist the national election. The party high-ups now want to step up its activities and launch a movement against the government using the grassroots.
But grassroots leaders say the central leaders' plan to turn around will not materialise, as they fear being harassed by the law enforcers and the ruling party men.
According to them, the way they were attacked and harassed by the AL men during the just-concluded upazila polls is unprecedented.
Over the last two days, this correspondent has spoken to 15 presidents, conveners and general secretaries of different district units of the BNP.
Most of them said their leaders could not stay in their areas during the polls as law

enforcement agencies filed "false" cases against them over violence, attacks on police and vote rigging.
"Besides, many leaders have been injured in attacks by the ruling party men while many others have been arrested," said Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, president of Patuakhali BNP.
He alleged police members were demanding money for releasing those arrested.
According to him, the morale of the grassroots leaders and activists is low rather than high following the polls.
Rahmatullah Palash, president of Sathkira BNP, Md Shajahan, convener of Noakhali BNP, and Ziauddin Mister, general secretary of Feni BNP, echoed his view.
The president of another district unit BNP, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he was lucky to be able to stay in his area. Most of the leaders in his district are on the run.
"Ensuring the security of my family and myself is my main concern at the moment, given the way the ruling party men and law enforcers are harassing us. Waging a movement is a concern for future."

Vital river route losing

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any further. Water depth of 13 to 16 feet was required for smooth traffic but the canal now has 10 to 12 feet of depth.
Sixty to 70 passenger or goods vessels used to ply this canal every day two years ago but now it is between 25 and 30 vessels, according to Jhalakathi signal office.
The canal was last dredged in 2006 and the entrance to the canal on the Sugandha was dredged in 2013, said Harun, adding that immediate dredging was required to keep the canal alive.
Vessels often run aground and get delayed on the canal every day, said Alamgir, manager of the Gabkhan river toll point. River traffic on this route was decreasing alarmingly.
During a recent visit to the canal, The Daily Star correspondent found five vessels anchored at the entrance to the canal at the

Sugandha river end.
"The vessels are waiting for the high tide as the water level is very low and they cannot pass during low tide," said Abul Khayer of the signal office there.
With the decline in the number of passing vessels, the government is also losing revenue from the canal as every vessel pays Tk 2,000 to Tk 4,000 based on their load capacity, said Md Shaheed Ullah, deputy director (port) of BIWTA, Barisal.
"This canal is very important for us as we can import goods directly from Haldia port in India to this district," said Salahuddin Ahmed, president of Jhalakathi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
If the canal lost navigability, vessels heading for Chittagong, Barisal and Dhaka from Mongla, Khulna and India would have to use the sea, which would increase carrying costs, Salahuddin added.

BCL leader shot dead

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hospital, told The Daily Star that the bullet entered Rustom's left side of the chest and exited through his shoulder.
A number of Chhatra League leaders seeking anonymity told The Daily Star that the Shaheed Suhrawardy Hall unit of Chhatra League was supposed to hold a council to form a new committee on April 10. Rustom was a president candidate.
They said other factions of the Chhatra League unit, collaborating with Shibir cadres, could have had Rustom killed.
RU Chhatra League unit brought out a protest procession on campus demanding immediate arrest of the killers.
Later at a rally, Chhatra League RU president Mizanur Rahman and General Secretary Tawhid-Al-Hossain Tuhin blamed Shibir cadres for the killing and said Shibir men had been threatening Rustom for a few

days.
Condemning the killing of Rustom, organising secretary Shyeb Shahriar of RU Islami Chhatra Shibir, a pro-Jamaat student body, denied the allegations.
He said internal feud of RU Chhatra League might have got Rustom killed.
RU Proctor Prof Tarikul Hasan said they had directed the law enforcers to arrest the killers immediately and Proloy Chisim, deputy commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star that police were investigating the murder.
Meanwhile, Chhatra League central, the pro-Awami League student body, yesterday issued a 24-hour ultimatum for the law enforcers to arrest the killers of Rustom.
In Sadullapur of Gaibandha, hundreds of Chhatra League activists brought out a procession demanding arrest and capital punishment of Rustom's killers.
Rustom hailed from Chawk Narayan

Contractors sued

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Gias also claimed that his firm provides all necessary safety gears to its workers.
However, his claim was rejected by Abdur Rahim, general secretary of the Bangladesh Ship Breaker Workers Federation.
The labour leader said he earlier had alerted the owners of Arafin Enterprise to its poor working condition, but in vain.
Visiting the ship breaking yard just a day before the accident, Rahim found that most of the workers there were unskilled and without any safety gears.
Meanwhile, the ship yard owners gave Tk 10,000 to each family of the four deceased workers to meet burial expenses.
The victims' families were in the dark till yesterday about filing a case by police in this connection.
Md Rafik, uncle of two victim workers, deceased Arif and injured Akbar, blamed the negligence of the ship yard owners for the disaster.
"The workers did not have any idea about the potential danger in the

BCL bids to thwart protests

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She alleged that many female participants had received threats on mobile phones from unknown callers asking them to keep from the movement.
Still, several hundred female students, mainly from Taposhi Rabeya Hall, Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall and Sultana Razia Hall gathered at the foot of Bijoy 71, a sculpture on the campus, and attended the scheduled protest programme.
Saiful Islam, general secretary of BAU unit Chhatra League, however, denied having prevented anyone from joining general students' programme.
He claimed that they were with the general students and their two activists, Sujoy Kumar Kundu and Rukonuzzaman Rukon, whose involvement in beating up Saad had been reported, were expelled permanently from Chhatra League.
BAU Proctor Prof Shahidur Rahman Khan is, however, unaware of Chhatra

League forcing students to join its programme or preventing them from joining the general students' programme.
He said the university had already served show cause notices on Sujoy and Rukon, whom police had arrested in connection with the murder on April 3.
On Thursday, a court has sent the duo to jail.
A meeting of the university's Board of Residence and Students Discipline is due on April 8, when the fate of the arrestees would be decided.
The killing of Saad is very much similar to the murder of Zubair Ahmed, a final-year student of Jahangirnagar University and a Chhatra League activist. He succumbed to injuries on January 9, 2012, about 13 hours after his party mates had beaten him up on the campus.
Over the last five years, Chhatra League has been frequently making headlines in the media for its criminal activities in public universities.

Tower Hamlets mayor

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strong signal that robust processes are in place to investigate allegations of failures in financial management and governance in local government, under the new regime introduced by the Local Audit and Accountability Act which replaces the Audit Commission. This central action is not undertaken lightly, but localism requires local transparency, scrutiny and accountability, and these vital checks and balances must be upheld."
The minister has asked the inspectors to look at grant payments, transfer of property by the authority to third parties, spending decisions and contractual processes since the mayor was elected. They have been asked to report back to Pickles by 30 June.
Tower Hamlets council said it had not seen any evidence of improper actions. A spokesman said: "Under an order introduced yesterday, government auditors are today meeting with senior officers of the council."
"I hope this sends a

Police foil rally

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When the activists tried to get back to the intersection after some time, the law enforcers charged truncheons on them.
The Mancha was barred from gathering in front of the National Museum at 4:00pm, as at the same time another organisation, Muktiyoddha Sangsad Santan Command, a body of freedom fighters' children, had called a rally there, said Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Shahbagh police.
Moreover, both the sides did not seek permission for their rallies, added the OC.
Meanwhile, the Muktiyoddha Sangsad Santan Command claimed that it was the Mancha campaigners who had attacked its activists during a scuffle on Thursday night.
Police did not allow Muktiyoddha Sangsad Santan Command to hold its rally either when its activists arrived at Shahbagh around 3:00pm. The Santan Command had called the rally protesting assault on their activists Thursday night.
Law enforcers also detained two activists of the organisation, including its president Mehedi Hasan, yesterday afternoon.
Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of the Gonojagoron Mancha, meanwhile, alleged that activists of the Santan Command accompanied by Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jubo League men had assaulted Mancha activists Thursday night.
"We have been attacked because we spoke against the lengthy process of the International Crimes Tribunals and against the government decision to take money from Islami Bank for the Lakhon Konthe Sonar Bangla programme [on March 26]," said Imran.
He added that although the people of the

Muktiyoddha Sangsad Santan Command, which is actually comprised of pro-Awami League people, had launched the attack, it was being propagated as an internal feud.
Two other organisations -- Muktiyoddha Kendriyo Projonmo Sangsad, and Gourob '71 -- also gathered at Shahbagh yesterday under the banner Gonojagoron Mancher Songothokbrindo.
These organisations later held a press conference at Madhu's Canteen where they alleged that Imran had embezzled money collected from home and abroad, which Imran rejected.
Reading out a written statement, FM Shaheen, general secretary of Gourob '71, alleged that Imran had been using the movement for his ill intentions.
In response, Imran rejected the claims and branded these organisations as pro-AL.
Gunmen kill
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tea at a tea stall in the bazar, died instantly and the gang fled the spot.
Police sent the body to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital for an autopsy.
AKM Salaudin, the newly elected chairman of Laxmipur Sadar upazila and also the joint convener of district unit of Jubo League, said Rabiul was an active leader of the party.
But he could not ascertain the motive behind the killing.
Locals alleged that the murder followed a long-standing feud over illegal drug trading and establishing supremacy in the area.
Iqbal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Laxmipur Sadar Police Station, said a case was filed and they were trying to nab the

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