# BNP leaders enter city polls race









people's attention from the BNP-led

alliance's ongoing movement against

no interest in taking part in the polls. But

nature, the BNP has opted to bank on

professionals and leaders of profes-

sional bodies to work for the party-

Mintoo, bought the nomination paper

elections will be held in a free and fair

manner. We will speak with the

Election Commission about this,"

Replying to a query, he said, "If we

Fakhrul Islam Selim, personal secre-

Principal Selim Bhuiyan, president

tary of BNP leader Abdus Salam, col-

of pro-BNP Teachers-Employees

Association, also collected nomina-

tion paper to take part in the mayoral

Interestingly, after all these develop-

ments, the BNP-led 20-party alliance

described the upcoming city polls as a

drama staged to divert people's atten-

to hold the stage-managed local gov-

ernment elections like the January 5

"The Election Commission is going

lected the nomination paper for him.

Tafsir Mohammad Awal, son of

"We have concerns whether the

backed mayor aspirants.

Tafsir told The Daily Star.

for his father.

chairperson."

race in Dhaka South.

'STAGE-MANAGED'

Ullah Bulu.

they seem to have changed their minds.

Initially, BNP policymakers showed

As the city polls are non-partisan in

AL-blessed Annisul Huq, left, will face BNP-backed Abdul Awal Mintoo, 2nd from left, in Dhaka North and AL-sponsored Sayeed Khokon, 3rd from left, wil run against BNP's Abdus Salam in Dhaka South in mayor polls on Apr 28.

The delegation also included Prof

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Movement (CDM), they will work for Manju in the city polls, said Prof Abul Kalam Azad, a pro-BNP teacher at Chittagong University.

In the 2010 Chittagong city polls, the CDM with BNP support worked for Manju, who defeated AL-backed ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury by a huge margin.

BNP DELEGATION MEETS CEC

In Dhaka, a delegation of pro-BNP professionals went to the Election

Commission to place a set of demands. The delegation met the chief election commissioner and demanded that the EC extend the deadline for filing nomi-

nations by two or three days. According to the polls schedule, the last date for filing nominations is

March 29. After the meeting, CEC Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad hinted that the

deadline would not be extended.

"The election schedule has been settled after much analysis and scrutiny. Sufficient time has been given for every stage from filing nomination to voting day," he told reporters.

The CEC added the delegation requested the commission to hold the elections in a free and fair manner.

Led by Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, former Dhaka University vicechancellor, the team also sought the release of potential candidates from

Other suggestions include preventing the "ruling party's attempts" to harass potential candidates backed by other parties and their polling agents by filing false cases and ensuring unhindered campaigns of candidates supported by different parties.

The CEC did not say anything about these.

Mahbub Ullah, a former DU teacher; Abdul Hye Sikder, president of a fac- it. tion of Dhaka Union of Journalists; Zafrullah Chowdhury, trustee of Gonoshasthaya Public Charitable Trust; Fahima Nasrin Munni, a Supreme Court lawyer; and Khandker Mahbub Hossain, president of Supreme Court Bar Association and also an adviser to Khaleda.

Talking to journalists later, Emajuddin said the CEC seemed positive about implementing their recommendations.

"The chief election commissioner has assured us that he would try his level best [in this regard]," he added.

On BNP's taking part in the polls, he said, "There is no justification for not participating in the election. They [BNP] should run even if they lose. Because election is like an ornament in the democratic system."

Apart from the written recommendations, the delegation also raised a number of issues that include locking of the central offices of the BNP and other political parties. "We want assurance from the

Election Commission that a level playing field and ... absolute impartiality will be ensured in the city corporation elections," added Emajuddin.

The BNP has yet to formally announce its backing of any candidate. CHANGE OF MIND?

In a sudden move, the government recently asked the EC to hold the long overdue elections to the two Dhaka city corporations along with the due polls to the Chittagong City Corporation.

Political analysts think the government has come up with the idea to divert

Hasina, also the AL chief, yesterday asked all city unit leaders to work for the party-backed candidates in the two DCC polls. She also formally informed the

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh

city AL leaders that the party would back Sayeed Khokon in Dhaka South and former FBCCI president Annisul Huq in Dhaka North, meeting sources said. Talking to the city unit leaders at the

Gono Bhaban, she directed them to pick one councillor aspirant for each ward.

Tomorrow, Hasina is due to sit with thana and ward-level leaders where she is expected to announce the names of party-backed councillor candidates, added the sources.

## Eat cold rice

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cautioned there was no quick fix to losing weight. Cold carbs

Starchy foods such as rice, which are known as carbohydrates, are a good source of energy.

When we eat them, our body breaks them down into simple sugars.

Any that is leftover will be stored by run in the election, we will surely have the body and quickly converted to endorsement from the BNP and its glucose as needed.

But too much glucose circulating in the blood can ultimately end up being stored as fat.

Scientists have been experimenting to see if they can alter foods to trick the body into absorbing less fuel to keep blood sugar, and calories consumed, lower.

UK researchers have already shown that cooking and then cooling pasta will create a smaller glucose peak even if you then reheat the cold pasta. And investigators from Sri Lanka say

the same is true for rice. They tested 38 varieties of rice to

find the best way to boost something called "resistant starch".

Resistant starch

national polls as per a blueprint of the This type of starch is more resilient government," said a statement issued to the enzymes the body uses to break by BNP Joint Secretary General Barkat down carbohydrates in the gut, meaning less of it is absorbed.

#### HASINA MEETS CITY AL LEADERS

FROM PAGE 16 release," ASM Ashraful Islam, counsellor (Labour Wing) of Bangladesh Embassy in Tripoli, told The Daily Star over the phone last night.

"They [VOAS] told us that they would bring the migrants to Tripoli by today [Wednesday]. But now they say it wouldn't be possible for them to bring them here soon," Ashraful said around 8:00pm Libya time.

In the meantime, in reply to an email from The Daily Star, the VAOS' Tripoli office said it could neither confirm nor deny the release of the two.

"We are not in a position to confirm

or deny the release of our two valued and respected Bangladeshi colleagues. What I can tell you is that VAOS continues to work tirelessly to confirm the whereabouts and secure the release of all nine of its employees who were taken on the 6th March 2015," wrote JH Cranmer of HR Policy for VAOS Ltd.

"We remain in regular contact with the authorities and with the families and are doing all that we can to have this matter successfully concluded. Our thoughts, prayers and hopes are with those abducted and with their families," he added. Unidentified people abducted

Helal and Anowar along with four Filipinos, an Austrian, a Czech and a Ghanaian from the Al-Ghani oilfield in the south of Sirte on March 6.

Initially, Bangladesh foreign ministry said ISIS militants kidnapped the migrants, but later noted that no mili-

### The X-Files

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the original stars, broadcaster Fox said.

"I think of it as a 13-year commercial break," said the show's creator and executive producer Chris Carter, adding: "The good news is the world has only gotten that much stranger, a perfect time to tell these six stories." The series follows the adventures of

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents Scully and Mulder, who investigate the mysterious cases blamed on paranormal phenomena. The series, which went from break-

out sci-fi show to a global hit, earned 16 Emmy Awards and five Golden Globes.

tant group claimed responsibility for the abduction.

Freed, yet could not be traced

And on Tuesday night, the ministry issued a press release, saying the two Bangladeshis had been released in the evening and they were staying at a Sirte

Our Jamalpur correspondent reports: Helal's family members were relieved to know that he had been released. "It would have been more pleasant

hospital for the night.

if I could talk to my father over the phone," said Helal's daughter Helena Helal's son Rubel Hossain said a

Libya contacted them, and informed them about his father's release but didn't elaborate. Meanwhile, Anowar's family members and neighbours at his village

Bangladesh embassy official from

home of Goyeshpur were elated by the news of his release. Anowar's brother Amjad Hossain told our Noakhali correspondent that

his brother talked to him from Libya over mobile phone around 3:00am yesterday. "He [Anowar] wants to return home."

## Usable data

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counselling unit has been established. The French president told reporters: "We have to understand what happened. We owe it to the families and the countries concerned by the drama."

"All light will be shed" on the mystery, he vowed.

Meanwhile, French investigation

agency BEA released photos of the mangled black box, its metal casing torn and twisted by the violence of the impact. BEA head Remi Jouty told reporters

he had "not the slightest explanation" for the crash at this stage, although he revealed the plane was still flying when it smashed into the mountainside and did not explode mid-air.

Hollande said the casing of a second black box, which records technical flight data, had been found but not the device itself.

Authorities are still baffled as to why the plane suddenly began a fatal eightminute descent shortly after reaching cruising altitude on its route between Barcelona and Duesseldorf.

## 10 British MPs

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Mark Durkan of Social Democratic and Labour Party, George Galloway of Respect Party, Jim Shannon of Democratic Unionist Party and Independent MP Mike Hancock. The MPs in the EDM pointed out

"the lack of a free and open democratic process in Bangladesh," particularly referring to the recent "disappearance" of BNP Joint-Secretary Salahuddin Ahmed. "There have been many other

disappearances, including that of BNP leader Ilyas Ali in 2012, who has still not been located," reads the motion. It also noted the "Human Rights

Watch has said that the Bangladesh government has a history of failing to investigate the enforced disappearance of opposition members.

"There are repeated allegations of extrajudicial killings by the Bangladeshi authorities, especially by the Rapid Action Battalion."

The MPs also urged the UK government to put pressure on the Bangladesh government to ensure that "free and fair elections take place promptly in Bangladesh, disappearances and extrajudicial killings are ended and freedom of expression is protected in Bangladesh."

## President invites

FROM PAGE 16 the invitation letter to the staff of

Khaleda's Gulshan office around 1:30pm yesterday, Maruf Kamal Khan Sohel, press secretary to the BNP chief, told The Daily Star. The BNP chief was informed about

the invitation, he said but could not confirm if she would attend the programme. Khaleda has been staying at her

Gulshan office since January 3. Twenty-one senior leaders of her party have also been invited, but their names could not be known immediately, said officials of the Gulshan office. The BNP has expressed its confu-

sion over the invitation as the president invited some leaders who are in jail, while several senior leaders, who are not in prison, have not been invited. "Some of the invited leaders are

now behind bars. How can they accept the invitation? Besides, some senior leaders who are outside the jail were not invited. It is very tough for us to catch the intention behind this," Maruf added.

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, standing committee member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, and Joint Secretary Rizvi Ahmed who are behind bars got the invite, he informed.

## Final before the final

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Amazingly, India have piled up 300plus scores every time they have batted first and dismissed the opposition in all seven matches so far.

India now confront a side that

has won seven of their 10 World Cup

meetings against them, although Dhoni's men secured a five-wicket win in the quarterfinal at home in Ahmedabad four years ago. Four-time champions Australia have won all six semifinals they

have appeared in since the inaugu-

ral event in 1975, but India will consider the SCG as the best venue to halt that record. kept both teams guessing on the nature of the pitch he will unveil

for the semifinal, but the wear and tear at the end of a long season indicates spin-friendly conditions. South Africa spinners Imran Tahir and JP Duminy shared seven wickets to bowl out Sri Lanka for 133 in the quarterfinal at the SCG

last week, setting up a nine-wicket

win for the Proteas. But the bat dominated the ball in previous World Cup games at the venue, with Australia piling up 376 for nine against Sri Lanka and South Africa smashing 408 for five off the West Indies' attack.

Khorshed, 35, had received 35

percent burns in Chandpur on last

Thursday while Yadul, 25, was

burnt 90 percent in Magura on

"His dream has been shattered,"

Ayesha, mother of a six-year-old

Khorshed's shell-shocked wife

Ayesha Khatun told The Daily Star

boy, said her husband had started

working as a labourer at an agricul-

tural field at an early age. To earn

some extra money, he occasionally

used to work as a cattle-rearer espe-

cially when those were carried on

trucks from one place to another. He

Hailing from Kalaroa of

would get Tk 2,000 to 3,000 per trip.

Satkhira, the family lived at a

rented house at Sharsha of Jessore.

On March 15 he was on a truck that

edly hurled firebombs at the truck

in Chandpur, leaving him and four

others injured and the truck driver

Jahangir Hossain dead. Among the

injured, the owner of the truck

Khandakar Sharif Uddin later died

yesterday, said hospital sources.

Khorshed died around 1:00pm

at DMCH.

Three days later, pickets alleg-

was carrying cattle to Chittagong.

at the DMCH burn unit.

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Saturday.

No end to killings

Lehmann expected a wicket similar to the one his team got for the match against Sri Lanka and predicted a high-scoring encounter. "I think the pitch will be very

Australian coach Darren

similar to the one we used in the game against Sri Lanka when almost 700 runs were scored, so I think this will be another high-scoring affair," Lehmann wrote on the official Cricket Australia website. "But finals seem to have a way of

So even if the pitch is a belter, you have to do the basics well enough to produce a high score. And then Groundsman Tom Parker has bowl well enough to defend it." Lehmann felt that constant

meetings with India over the summer would "add an extra element to what already looms as an enthralling contest." "India are really starting to gain some confidence on the back of

some good performances since the

tournament began, but we know them inside out -- just as they do us. "Everyone in the Australia squad is excited that we've reached the final week of the World Cup and are now within striking distance of a goal that we set ourselves more

than a year ago." With organisers estimating that

Meanwhile, Yadul died around

10:00am at the intensive care unit

of the DMCH burn unit. With 90

ICU since he was admitted at the

hospital on Sunday, said his

firebombs at a truck Yadul and

eight others were on in Moghi area

Alleged blockaders hurled two

With Yadul, four among nine

Magura burn victims succumbed to

their injuries. Five others, all of

whom are in critical condition,

have been taking treatment at

Imran, the driver of the truck, is

father several years back. He had

been living with his mother at

Tuhin's home over the last one and

a half years since local goons

grabbed their property at their

village home in Malikagram under

Yadul was saving money and plan-

Yadul who was a bachelor was the

A truck helper for five years,

"The only brother of six sisters,

also among the injured.

Magura Sadar upazila.

ning to buy some land.

One of his brothers-in-law

Tuhin said Yadul had lost his

brother-in-law Tuhin Sardar.

Saturday night.

70 percent of the tickets have been picked up by Indian fans, Australia would feel as if they were playing an away game on their own soil. India will once again bank on a

working out differently sometimes. ries in the preceding four-Test series, including 147 and 46 at the Kohli's form dipped after a match-winning century against Pakistan, but Dhoni was confident

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and Rohit Sharma, who hit 137	4.	Procuring entity district		Dhaka.
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in 1 (one) Airport.

#### attacks, since the BNP-led 20-party alliance launched its non-stop blockade on January 6. Simon Dring

most loved in their poverty-

Ninety four people have been

stricken family," said Tuhin.

FROM PAGE 1 under Magura Sadar upazila on

percent burns, he had been at the killed so far, mostly in arson

atrocities and the genocide against the Bengali people that would follow. And my chance and my privilege to have played a small part in bringing this story to the world. But it was also my privilege to

who's bravery in helping myself

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the first days of this nightmare, the

have known the Bengali hotel staff

and the late AP photographer Michel Laurent to hide and to escape the Pakistani army and to get around Dhaka to document and be the first to report the massacres at among other places the University, the Old City and Rajabargh Barracks. Those young Bengalis were truly among the first Freedom Fighters who's courage and commitment would bring Bangladesh its independence. My thanks to all of them on this night of all nights to remember. - Simon Dring

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Sudhendu Bikash Goswami

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