



Ruling Awami League-blessed Dhaka South City Corporation mayor aspirant Sayeed Khokon, inside the car, goes to the returning officer's office in Gulistan to file his nomination papers yesterday, *left*, and he is accompanied by a huge number of his supporters. Another mayor aspirant Nayeem Hossain for Dhaka North City Corporation, *right*, is seen being fined for using a horse-drawn carriage to go to the office in Agargaon to file his nomination papers. The rules forbid any kind of "showdown" while filing nomination papers.

PHOTO: STAR

Rail minister's brother found dead in lake

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of ABM Abdul Latif, elder brother of Railways Minister Mujibul Haque, was found floating in the capital's Dhanmondi Lake yesterday.

Family members said Latif was traceless since he went out of his home for a walk around 9:00pm on Saturday.

Lake visitors saw the body floating near Shimanto Square around 11:00am and informed police of the matter.

Latif, 70, was a former additional secretary of the industries ministry.

The body was handed over to his family without an autopsy, said Abu Bakar Siddique, OC of Dhanmondi Police Station. His family members did not raise any



ABM Abdul Latif

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Hartal, again

20-party's 48-hour strike from today worries HSC examinees; Dhaka, Ctg cities exempted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ending all hope for a break from continuous hartals, the BNP-led 20-party alliance yesterday called for a 48-hour nationwide shutdown from 6:00am today.

The announcement of hartal put around 12 lakh candidates of HSC and equivalent examinations in a spot of bother. While parents were concerned about the safety of their kids going to exam halls amid hartals, the education minister was adamant about holding the tests during the strike.

Dhaka and Chittagong cities would, however, be out of the purview of the hartal as polls to the city corporations were scheduled for April 28, said a BNP press release signed by its Joint Secretary General Barkat Ullah Bulu yesterday afternoon.

The party enforced the hartal to press home various demands, including "safe and unhurt return" of missing BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed and other opposition men.

Mohiuddin Molla, a parent of an HSC examinee of the city's Shahinbagh, said, "Although the education minister has announced that the exams will take place as per schedule even if hartal coincides with it. But we will be worried about sending our children to exam centres amid hartals."

Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations would begin on April 1. The government has already postponed the tests for

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Manna quits polls race

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna, now in jail in a sedition case, will not participate in the forthcoming bifurcated Dhaka city corporation elections.

No nomination paper was submitted to the returning officer on his behalf yesterday, the last day for filing. He was supposed to be a mayoral candidate in Dhaka North City Corporation polls.

Nagorik Oikya in a press release yesterday alleged that they could not collect Manna's signature on the nomination paper and other necessary documents due to non-cooperation from the administration and other authorities concerned.

The release signed by the platform's central committee member Atiqur Rahman also mentioned Manna's physical ailment



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Rescue us

Trapped in Yemen, 2 Bangladeshis appeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi engineers stranded in Yemen hotels have appealed to the government to rescue them immediately.

They got stuck at the hotels in Sanaa after a Saudi-led coalition started launching air strikes against Houthi rebels in the troubled country a few days ago.

Golam Mostafa, 60, was at Shahrn Hotel in Sanaa while Sirajul Haque at another hotel in the same city, the Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait said yesterday.

Bangladesh has no mission in Yemen. "Our ambassador has talked to Mostafa but couldn't reach the other Bangladeshi. He (ambassador) has assured Mostafa of helping them," Mijanur Rahman, an official at the embassy in Kuwait, told The Daily Star over the phone.

The Bangladeshis were safe, he added. Meanwhile, Mostafa, a civil engineer, sent an email to The Daily Star yesterday.

"Due to the war in Yemen, I am in danger. I request the government of Bangladesh to rescue me from here immediately," the email, sent from his hotel room, reads.

The two Bangladeshis have been unable to go outside their hotels since Thursday amid the air strikes on the Houthi rebels by Saudi Arabia and its Gulf Arab allies. They had gone to the city to catch their flights the next day to return home.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has no more strength to stand again following the failed hartal and blockade programmes?

Yes (41%)

No (59%)

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TODAY'S POLL

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Grandchildren of Singapore's former prime minister Lee Kuan Yew carry his portrait during his funeral procession at the University Cultural Centre in Singapore yesterday.

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A hero's funeral

S'pore says goodbye to founding leader

AGENCIES

Tens of thousands of mourners braved torrential rain, howitzers fired a 21-gun salute and jet fighters screamed across the sky yesterday as Singapore staged a grand farewell for its founding leader Lee Kuan Yew.

"The light that has guided us all these years has been extinguished," his son, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, said at a state funeral, attended by Asia-Pacific leaders, at the National University of Singapore.

Lee's coffin, draped in the red-and-white national flag and protected by a



The Regent Street Cinema's projection room in the 1920s.

Britain's first cinema flickers back to life

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Two months before the reopening of a theatre dubbed "the birthplace of British cinema", archives have revealed the extraordinary history of a building used to screen the UK's first moving image -- and its first X-rated film.

The Regent Street Cinema in London was used as a lecture hall by the University of Westminster after

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Doctors confirm torture on Mizan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A medical board yesterday confirmed physical torture on ABM Mizanur Rahman, Bauphal correspondent of the Bangla daily Prothom Alo.

The 4-member board headed by Dr Monirul Islam examined Mizanur at Patuakhali General Hospital for around two hours after police brought him there at 10:00am.

"We found muscle injuries and torture marks on his body ... We fear his kidney got affected too as he was physically tortured. It also might have affected his brain as he had lost consciousness at one a stage of torture," Monirul told the press after examining Mizanur.

"Considering all these, we recommended city scan, x-ray and blood tests for him," he said, adding that the extent of the damages could be determined after getting the test reports.

The board was formed following an order by District and

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