

Political parties not democratised

Agree leaders from three major parties at the launch of Rounaq Jahan's new book 'Political Parties in Bangladesh: Challenges of Democratization'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Democracy is not practised within the political parties of Bangladesh but the way to change this non-democratic culture remains unknown, advisers of two major political parties of the country and a senior leader of a third observed yesterday.

Gowher Rizvi, international affairs adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, pointed out how factionalisation takes place within a party during the grassroots level elections, with the defeated group refusing to accept the results.

"It is for that reason elections are often suspended, delayed and the ball is passed back to the central authority to make the decision," he told the launch of "Political Parties in Bangladesh: Challenges of Democratization", a book written by eminent political scientist Rounaq Jahan.

"A powerful election commission and a neutral civil service are required to make political parties comply with the RPO [Representation of the People Order]," said Inam Ahmed Choudhury, adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, at the programme held at Bengal Shilpalay in the capital.

"I have not seen any political party in the country with credible commitment to democratising itself," said GM Quader, presidium member of Jatiya Party, adding that democratisation within political parties remained far-fetched.

In her book, published by Prothoma Prokashan, Rounaq Jahan analysed the four major political parties of the country - Awami League, BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami and Jatiya Party - in six chapters covering a period of 43 years from 1972 to present, said Prof Al Masud Hasanuzzaman of Jahangirnagar University, presenting an overview of the book.

International affairs analyst Prof Imtiaz Ahmed said, "Why would political parties leave violence or democratise themselves when misgovernance is profitable?" He suggested developing a social charter with seven points, one of them necessitating a referendum for every major decision that a ruling party, even with a two-thirds majority, can take.

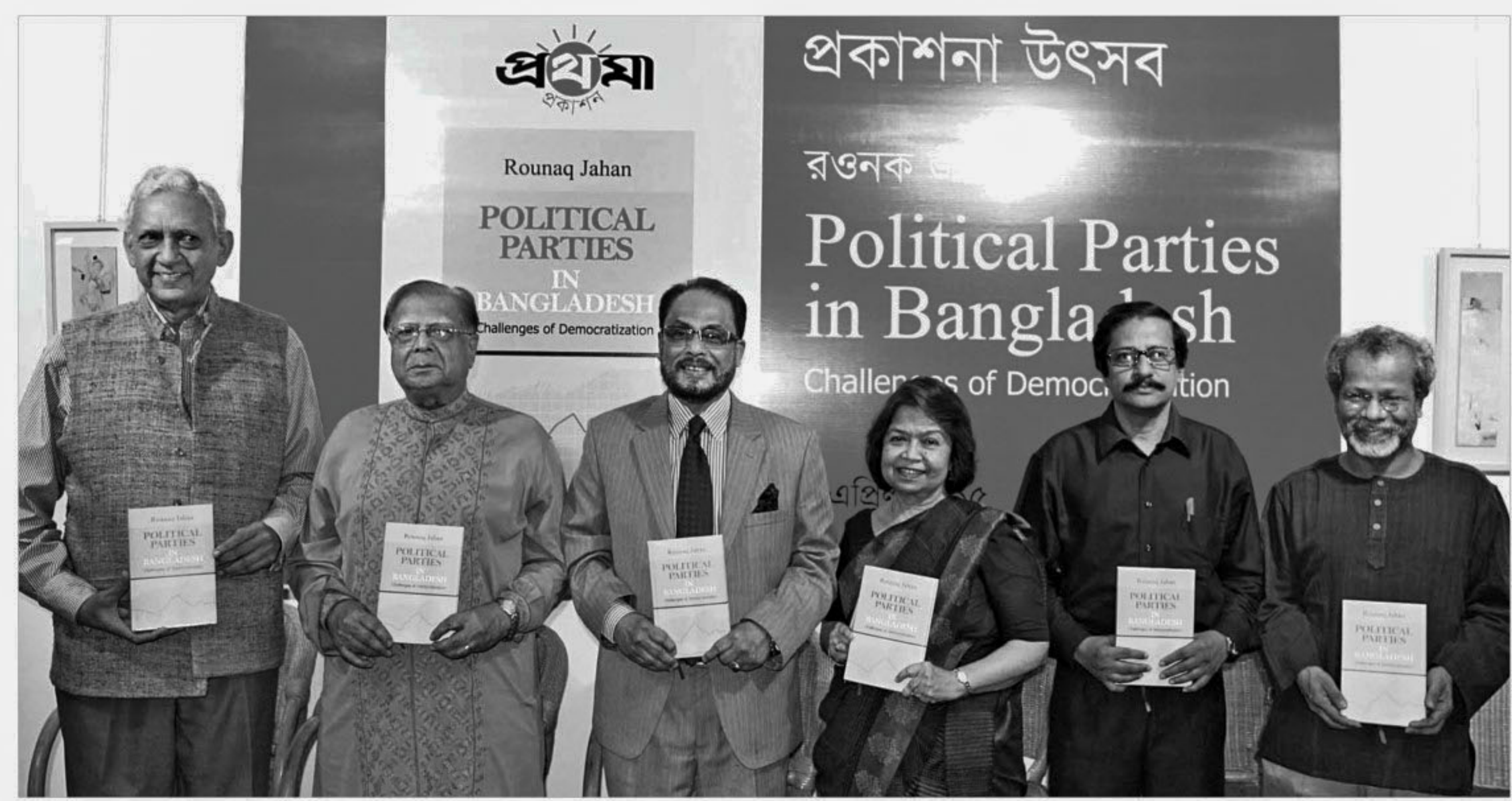
Rounaq, however, said making more laws might not be a solution. "The party that wins a majority goes to power and starts breaking the law for their own benefits and to punish the opposition," she said. "Misgovernance is profitable only for those in power," she added.

Moderating the programme, Matur Rahman, editor of the Prothoma Alo, mentioned the dearth of literature providing in-depth analysis of the country's political parties and their characteristics and hoped that the book would initiate further discussions and research.

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obliged and many have not," he said. "We are not strict to them. In fact we are paying more concentration to the mayoral post although the post of councillor is no less important."

He added, "I am not still confirmed in how many wards we have single candidates."



From left, Gowher Rizvi, international affairs adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina; Inam Ahmed Choudhury, an adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia; GM Quader, a presidium member of Jatiya Party; Prof Rounaq Jahan, a political scientist; Prof Al Masud Hasanuzzaman of Jahangirnagar University; and Prof Imtiaz Ahmed of Dhaka University, hold the book "Political Parties in Bangladesh: Challenges of Democratization" at its launch in the capital's Bengal Shilpalay yesterday. The book was written by Rounaq Jahan and published by Prothoma Prokashan.

PHOTO: STAR

Country gets its first education web portal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new education portal, myacademybd.com, was launched at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday to provide interactive contents to facilitate e-learning especially for students.

The site has been designed with text books and tutorials from Class-1 to HSC. It also offers instructions on how to write CVs (curriculum vitae) and official letters.

The portal has a study table where every individual can prepare lessons with fun. The audio-video clips make the site more interesting and engaging for reading and learning, said ATKM Iqbal, founder of the portal.

It also has a campus tab where students

can enjoy writing creative contents or can read others, said Iqbal, adding that the online portal will help teachers and guardians get updates about their children's study.

This site will contribute significantly to the education sector, said Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of the Bangla Academy.

Nazrul Islam Khan, education secretary, hoped that the portal, first of its kind in the country, would bring out the virtual Bangla contents that the country retains.

Khan also stressed the need for involving educational experts in refining the contents. Students will be benefited immensely by

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Three SIU students stabbed by senior peers for 'disrespect'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three first semester Sylhet International University students were stabbed in Sylhet city's Samimabad area on Friday by, as they claim, some in their second semester accusing them of not "showing due respect".

Admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College with non-life threatening injuries in the back, hands and hip, Jewel, Duha and Bappy say they had an altercation with Mumin and others that day and were later ambushed around 9:00pm.

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First digital designing contest in offing

CITY DESK

To improve the digital designing clusters in Bangladesh, Ra'dia Media Inc, a digital advertising and e-commerce firm, has decided to arrange a digital designing contest, says a press release.

The competition will be comprised of digital art, typography, graphics design, social media and webpage layout

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Lawyers demand circuit bench of HC in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Lawyers in Chittagong city yesterday demanded that a Circuit Bench of the High Court (HC) be established in the port city for faster and easier disposal of cases.

Under the banner of "High Court Circuit Bench Bastabayan Parishad", the lawyers made the demand at a press conference at Chittagong Press Club.

The government's plan for quicker disposal of cases cannot be realised if a Circuit Bench of the HC is not established in the port city, said Advocate Abul Hasem, convener of the parishad. He mentioned that out of 28 lakh cases in courts, 1.75 lakh were filed in Chittagong city.

People living in Chittagong city face problems as they have to go to the capital for filing appeals with the HC, said Hasem.

Bar Council member Advocate Kabir Chowdhury read out a written statement at the conference.

The lawyers also announced numerous programmes, including seminars and human chains, to press home their demand.

Death anniversary of Dr Rostom Ali, former government health officer and the father of Awami League subcommittee assistant secretary ABM Reazul Kabir Kawsar, was observed yesterday.

On the occasion, a milad and a doa mahfil was held in his Khilgaon residence.



The 18th death anniversary of Dr Rostom Ali, former government health officer and the father of Awami League subcommittee assistant secretary ABM Reazul Kabir Kawsar, was observed yesterday.

বাংলাদেশ ইন্সটিটিউট অব কম্পিউটার মার্কেট [বিআইসিএম]
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 All final applications must be received by AVC by Saturday, April 25, 2015, 5:00pm Dhaka time and clearly marked **"RFA-Dhaka-011: Summer tomato production and safe production techniques."**

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৫	সম্পর্কিত পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
৬	দরপত্র নং	বিটিবি/বাণানকোষ-১০/৯৯(অংশ-১)/-১১১(২)৩ তারিখঃ ০২/০৪/২০১৫।
৭	অর্থের উৎস	সর্বস্বত্ব ঋত হতে।
৮	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও স্থান	০৭/০৪/২০১৫ হতে ২০/০৪/২০১৫ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। স্থানঃ চা বাগান ব্যবস্থাপনা কোষ, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম।
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