



Allies complain of AL's big brother attitude

JSD skips yesterday's 14-party alliance meeting

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Differences have surfaced in the 14-party ruling alliance, as Awami League kept its partners in the dark on the issue of the just concluded city elections.

Jatiyo Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), a major ally, even skipped yesterday's alliance meeting in an apparent protest of AL's contesting the election unilaterally without discussing the matter with others.

The rest of the parties attended the meeting but they too expressed frustration over AL's attitude towards its partners, meeting sources said.

About boycott of the meeting, JSD SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Wendy Sherman for probing irregularities

Disappointed at BNP's boycott; meets Khaleda Zia

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Conveying disappointment both at irregularities in the city corporation elections and BNP's boycott midway through, Washington has said the focus must now be on a transparent investigation to make sure that the next election is highly improved.

"We remain focused on a long-term solution that accommodates all parties and allows the Bangladeshi people to peacefully express their views," said a top US diplomat in Dhaka on Friday.

Speaking at a joint press conference on the outcome of the two-day SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

98pc centres saw code violation

Claims Hannan Shah at BBC Bangladesh Sanglap; Suranjit Sengupta denies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP chairperson's adviser Hannan Shah yesterday said electoral code of conduct was flouted at 98 percent of the polling centres during the recent polls to the city corporations in Chittagong and Dhaka.

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Different garment workers' organisations under the banner of "Jatiya Garments Sramik Federation" bring out a procession in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital on May Day.

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Salahuddin's wife again seeks Hasina's intervention to locate husband

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hasina Ahmed, wife of BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed, yesterday again sought intervention of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to locate her husband who disappeared on March 11 from Uttara in the capital.

Her request yesterday came 53 days after the BNP joint secretary general was allegedly detained by detectives from his relative's residence.

Hasina Ahmed, also a former BNP lawmaker of Cox's Bazar, was talking to journalists at her Gulshan SEE PAGE 5 COL 5

PM wants UN chief to persuade BNP into 'return to democracy'

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Friday expressed her hope that UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon would advise BNP to return to the democratic politics shunning the path of "terrorist and militant" activities.

She made the request when the UN secretary general called her over the phone in the afternoon.

Later, Prime Minister's Press Secretary AKM Shameem Chowdhuri briefed reporters about the 14-minute conversation.

He said the prime minister told the UN general secretary that BNP had created anarchy across the country over the last three months since January 5, burning innocent people through hurling petrol bombs and arson attacks.

About the recent city corporation polls in Dhaka and Chittagong, Hasina said on an average over 44 percent voters exercised their franchise and the number of votes cast was not abnormal.

She mentioned that the Election Commission announced the results discarding 5 percent of the votes over which there were some allegations.

Referring to the skipping of BNP from the polls on the SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

US experts stress AL-BNP dialogue

Caution against rise of religious extremism

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Amid rising concern of religious extremism in Bangladesh, American experts have called for encouraging genuine dialogue between Awami League and BNP to break the political deadlock and restore stability and the democratic process.

Taking part in a hearing in US Congress, noted American researchers, scholars, and foreign affairs experts said Islamic extremists have recently murdered two bloggers, raising concern that religious militants will take advantage of any prolonged political unrest.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the SEE PAGE 10 COL 6

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