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Selection in garb of election?

Sohag, Jakir new BCL president, secretary

HASAN JAHD TUSHER and MAHDI AL MUHTASIM



Sohag Jakir

Though the Chhatra League yesterday elected its new president and general secretary through a "battle of ballots" in line with the guidelines of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, there was no competition in it.

Everything was pre-determined as to who would be president and general secretary of the country's oldest student body, sources said.

Yesterday's polls were nothing but a formality, as several media outlets on Saturday and Sunday reported that Saifur Rahaman Sohag and SM Jakir Hossain were going to be president and general secretary respectively.

Only one panel -- of Sohag-Jakir -- contested the election and won with 95 percent of the total votes cast.

Former BCL president Liaqat Sikder nominated this panel, which got full support from outgoing BCL president HM Badiuzzaman Sohag and outgoing general secretary Siddiqui Nazmul Alam.

Individually, eight president candidates and 16 general secretary candidates contested the polls.

Out of 3,138 councillors from the BCL's 111 units across the country, 2,819 (89.83 percent) cast votes. Of them, Sohag bagged 2,690 votes and Jakir 2,675 votes.

Until yesterday, Sohag was the environment affairs secretary

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ALARMING, NO?

A gigantic billboard lies collapsed in Motijheel Shapla Chattar, the commercial hub of the capital, yesterday afternoon. A student was injured and a rickshaw damaged. By a stroke of luck no one was killed. This was a uni-pole billboard and there are scores more like this across the city. They are at high risks of collapse as the entire weight is supported by a single pole. This is why the Dhaka South City Corporation has decided to remove them gradually once the monsoon is over, said DSCC Chief Executive Officer Ansar Ali Khan.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

MAYA GRAFT APPEAL HC may today set date for rehearing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench is likely to fix today the dates for hearing the appeals filed by seven corruption convicts, including Relief and Disaster Management Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, said an Anti Corruption Commission lawyer.

The other six are former BNP minister Nazmul Huda, his wife Sigma Huda, former state ministers Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku and Amanullah Aman, Aman's wife Sabera Aman and Engineer Monjurul Ahsan Munshi.

The bench of Justice Bhabani Prasad Singha and Justice SM Mozibur Rahman accepted the pleas, challenging the sevens' convictions and sentence, yesterday after ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan prayed for fixing dates for the hearing.

The counsel told the bench that the Supreme Court had sent the appeals to the HC for their rehearing and disposals, after scrapping HC verdicts that had acquitted the accused in the cases filed by the corruption watchdog.

He told The Daily Star that the appeals could be

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WAR CRIMES 1971

Ex-MP Shakhawat, 11 others charged



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday pressed five charges against 12 war crimes accused including former BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Shakhawat Hossain for their alleged crimes against humanity committed in Jessore during the Liberation War.

They were allegedly involved in killing two persons, raping one and torturing two others in Keshabpur of Jessore. All the incidents took

place in the Bangla month of Ashwin (between mid-September and mid-October) in 1971, according to the prosecution.

Prosecutors Zead Al Malum and Rezia Sultana Chaman submitted the charges to the International Crimes Tribunal-1 through its registrar's office and the tribunal fixed September 8 to decide whether to accept the charges.

All the accused hailed from Keshobpur. They

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2 shot dead in Rangamati

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A former member of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity and a child were shot dead by unidentified gunmen at Lemuchhari in Rangamati early yesterday, family members and locals said.

The dead are Ashutosh Talukdar alias Supriyo, 55, and Arannyo Chakma, 10.

As of filing this report at 1:30am today, police were yet to recover the bodies.

Abdur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Rangamati Kotwali Police Station, said, "Not finding the bodies on the spot, army and police members conducted a joint drive in the area, but there was no trace of the bodies."

If the two were related

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Buns used to fuel rocket engine

MAIL ONLINE

Cambridge rocket scientists sent a raft hurtling down a river using just Chelsea buns to fuel its engine.

Experts from Cambridge Science Centre used ten savoury snacks to thrust a wooden punt for 40 seconds on the River Cam.

The rocket engine was propelled by the cakes

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HSC results on Aug 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations will be published on August 9, ending an anxious wait for around 11 lakh examinees.

Disclosing the date yesterday, Education



PRAYER TIMING

JULY 27
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15
JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



PHOTO: STAR

A farmer harvests from his floating vegetables bed in Kutripar village of Aditmari upazila in Lalmonirhat.

Floating veg farm

Lalmonirhat farmers cultivate on abandoned water bodies

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Vegetable cultivation on floating beds prepared on abandoned water bodies has been a boon to several hundred landless farmers of around 25 villages in Lalmonirhat.

More than 400 farmers in the Lalmonirhat Sadar, Aditmari and Hatibandha upazilas are profiting

from the unique farming in the Teesta and Dharla river basin areas.

Ahatullah Miah, 55, a farmer of Char Gobordhan village by the Teesta river, told The Daily Star that they prepared floating beds of water hyacinth "tightened" with bamboo and then spread vegetable seeds all over it.

The vegetables cultivated in such

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Credit Rating Report on Sonali Bank Limited

As per Bangladesh Bank's mandatory requirement vide BRPD Circular No. 06 dated 05 July, 2006, credit rating of Sonali Bank Limited was done by the Alpha Credit Rating Ltd. on the audited Balance Sheet as on 31-12-2014 and other related information. The rating of the report is as under.

Credit Rating Report (Surveillance Rating)

Surveillance Rating	2014		2013	
	Long Term	Short Term	Long Term	Short Term
Government Support	AAA	AR-1	AAA	AR-1
Without Government Support	A-	AR-2	BBB+	AR-3
Outlook	Positive		Stable	
Date of Rating	30 June 2015		30 June 2014	

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Rating	Definition
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Rating	Definition
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