

Don't use photos of Bangabandhu, Hasina for self promotion

AL tells party leaders, Dhaka city mayors
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League has asked party leaders to stop using their own portraits alongside those of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and party President Sheikh Hasina in political billboards, posters, banners, and festoons.

The party said there must be no picture of anyone other than those of Bangabandhu and Hasina in those publicity materials.

AL General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam asked the party leaders to remove all publicity materials containing photos of themselves, across the country.

He said billboards, posters, banners and festoons were seen with big photos of party leaders beside the small portraits of Bangabandhu and Sheikh Hasina. "It looks bad to the general public," he added.

Ashraf issued the directives on Monday to the presidents and general secretaries of the district units and of all front organisations.

He also wrote to the two Dhaka city mayors, asking them to order removal of

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HC sets Jan 3 for order on plea for staying polls of municipalities

Election set for Dec 30
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed January 3, 2016, for passing an order on a writ petition seeking stay on holding the upcoming municipality elections scheduled for December 30.

A Supreme Court lawyer SM Zulfiqur Ali Junu filed the petition on Sunday mentioning that there are some anomalies in the numbers in the schedules 2, 3, 4 and 5 announced under the Pourasava Election Rules, 2010, which were amended on November 23 this year.

However, on Monday the EC has allocated election symbols to the candidates.

Yesterday, the Election Commission's lawyer Touhidul Islam told the court that his client will send the rules to the law ministry for correcting the mistakes within few days. AM Mahbub Uddin Khokor appeared for the petitioner.



An exhibition of 71 photos near the Shwadinata Stambha, the glass tower, at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday, portraying the brutalities the Pakistani regime unleashed on Bangalees during the Liberation War. The liberation war affairs ministry and Bangladesh Police jointly organised the exhibition.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Elaborate events chalked to observe Victory Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Imbued with the spirit of independence, different government, political, social and cultural organisations will celebrate the country's 44th Victory Day today.

Many youths in Old Dhaka were seen painting walls, and making Smriti Shoudho replicas to celebrate the victory of the nine-month war for independence in which about three million people sacrificed their lives and over three lakh women fell victim to torture, including rape by the Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators like Razakars, Al-Badr and Al-Shams.

On the day in 1971, the then East Pakistan under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman won its emancipation and emerged as an independent state, Bangladesh.

The government and various political, social and cultural organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes, including discussions, rallies, processions, dramas and Jatra (folk theatre), photo exhibitions, painting competitions and cultural events to mark the day.

President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Opposition Leader Rawshan Ershad, and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in separate messages have greeted the nation on the occasion.

The national flag will be hoisted atop all government, semi-government and other important establishments.

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WAR CRIMES IN JAMALPUR

Two link 'Al-Badr' men to killing of family members

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two prosecution witnesses yesterday linked four alleged Al-Badr men of Jamalpur to the killing of two of their family members in the district during the Liberation War of 1971.

The four are: Ashraf Hossain, Sharif Ahammed, Abdul Mannan, and Abdul Bari.

The 11th prosecution witness, Shamsul Alam Dudu, 63, told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that one of his grandfathers, Hamid Moktar, was an organiser of the Liberation War.

He said on July 7, 1971, at about 10:00pm, 70-80 people, including Hamid, were listening to news on the

radio on their house premises at Mohisha Bhaduria village of Sarishabari upazila, while he and his elder brother Fazlul Haque were listening to the radio inside the room.

"Suddenly I heard a gunshot and went towards the door," said Dudu, adding that he saw many Al-Badr men and the Pakistani occupation army encircling the people outside and torturing them.

"I recognised some Al-Badr men. They were Ashraf, Mannan, Bari, Khalek and Natu. My grandfather Hamid Moktar and I were tied," he said.

Hamid requested the Al-Badr men to let Dudu and others go, but to no

avail. The Al-Badr and the Pakistani army caught five of the people, including Dudu and his grandfather, on that day and took them to Jamalpur town. Dudu and one Mohir Sheikh alias Madhu were later released and the rest were taken to a camp.

The witness said he returned home and found his paternal uncle, Yad Ali Mondal, shot dead.

On July 14, a senior subedar of the Pakistani army set Hamid free and he went to late Hajrat Ali Muhuri's house in Amlapara.

"On that day after Asr prayers, Al-Badr men Ashraf, Mannan, Sharif, Bari

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NIROB'S DEATH IN SEWER

Why shouldn't family be compensated

HC asks govt to explain; man responsible for maintenance of the sewer remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the government to explain why it should not be directed to compensate the family of five-year-old Nirob Hossain Ismail who died after falling into a sewer in the capital's Shyampur a week ago.

Responding to a writ petition by a rights organisation, it also asked the thana nirbahi officer and the assistant commissioner of land to find out whom the sewer belongs to.

The officer-in-charge of Kadamtali Police

Station has to inform the court in three months about actions taken against those responsible for the incident, according to the HC order.

Children's Charity Bangladesh Foundation filed the petition on Sunday seeking directives on the government to pay Nirob's family Tk 30 lakh in compensation.

Upon hearing the petition, Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque

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MEDICAL ADMISSION TEST QUESTION LEAK
Another petition for judicial probe filed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another writ petition was filed with the High Court yesterday seeking its order for conducting a judicial inquiry into medical admission test questions leak.

Seven unsuccessful admission seekers and three guardians of such candidates submitted the petition to the HC, praying to it to form a judicial commission to conduct the inquiry and issue guidelines to prevent such incidents in future.

Petitioners' counsel Suproakash Datta Amit said ambiguity still exists as the government had denied the question leak allegation, while on the other hand law enforcers had arrested some people on the charge of leaking the questions of the medical admission test held on September 18.

A fair investigation should be run to unearth the truth, he

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Tarique was involved in Aug 21 grenade attack

AL leader Suranjit tells court as witness

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta yesterday told a Dhaka court that BNP leader Tarique Rahman and several others were involved in the August 21, 2004 grenade attack.

As a prosecution witness and victim of the attack, he said this while giving his testimony before the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 of Dhaka for over an hour.

Judge Shahed Nuruddin recorded the statement and fixed December 17 for the next hearing of the two cases filed over the

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HC upholds jail term for ex-CCF Gani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld a lower court verdict that jailed former chief conservator of forest Osman Gani for 12 years for amassing wealth illegally and concealing information in his wealth statement submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The HC bench of Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Bishmadev Chakraborty came up with the order, rejecting an appeal filed by Gani challenging the verdict.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that the 12 years' jail sentence will be counted from the date of his arrest.

Law enforcers arrested Gani on May 29, 2007 and seized Tk 1 crore in cash that he had hidden inside a rice drum in the kitchen and a pillow on the balcony and other places in his house in the capital.

Yesterday, Gani's lawyer Abdul Baset Majumder told

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OBITUARY



MR. ATA UDDIN KHAN, FCA (ENG.&WALES)
(1 February 1929 - 30 November 2015)

We announce with profound sadness the demise of MR. ATA UDDIN KHAN, Founder Partner of ATA KHAN & CO. Chartered Accountants. Mr. Ata Uddin Khan breathed his last at his residence at Mohammadpur, Dhaka at 7.30 AM on Monday 30 November 2015. May Allah grant eternal peace to his departed soul.

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