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REBEL IN MUNICIPAL POLLS
Minister has his brother expelled from Jubo League

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman Fizar has set a rare example by having his younger brother expelled from Jubo League for being a mayoral candidate in Phulbari municipality of Dinajpur, violating party decision.

Khaza Moinuddin, youngest brother of the minister, was the president of Phulbari upazila unit of Jubo League. He is running for mayor in the December 30 municipal elections as an independent candidate under the banner of Nagorik Committee.

Fizar told The Daily Star, "I've also expelled my nephew for patronising my brother in the election. My nephew, Mohiuddin Abdul Kader, was a Jubo League member in the upazila committee. He was campaigning for my brother

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A PLACE FOR VEGGIE LOVERS

Women sort out and buy vegetables at a wholesale market in the capital's Rayerbazar. After selling vegetables to wholesalers early in the morning, local traders put the remaining ones up for retail sale at a cheap price. A huge number of people, mostly women, buy vegetables there every day. The photos were taken recently.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Alarming negligence

Patients at Burn unit of DMCH exposed to infections as authorities do not replace their bed sheets regularly

RAFIUL ISLAM

The sheet on Abdul Quddus' bed at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital was not white. The colour had faded. There were splodges of mucus and pus from his burnt leg. Marks of the ointment put on his leg were all over the sheet. It reeked. It was a filthy bed sheet.

Quddus had no way to get a fresh one. He had been on that particular sheet for around 20 days.

"I have repeatedly asked the nurses for a clean bed sheet. But they did not replace it," Quddus said on Friday

lying on the sheet and surrounded by many other burn victims.

Quddus, who underwent a surgery in his right foot on December 1 following an infection a year ago, fears getting infected again sleeping on such a dirty sheet.

"Something horrible could happen," he said.

Like Quddus, many burn patients vulnerable to infections, were receiving treatment in the Green, Blue and Red units on dirty sheets.

The Daily Star correspondent did not go into the Intensive Care and High Dependency units of the Burn and

Plastic Surgery Unit of the hospital as entry to those were officially restricted.

According to doctors, the bed sheets for patients should be changed every other day. If any patient, especially with burn injuries, was being treated on such dirty sheets for days, he or she might get infections.

The Daily Star correspondent talked to at least 40 patients on Thursday and Friday and found that they had been on the same sheets from 10 to 35 days.

Partha Sankar Paul, resident surgeon of the burn unit, said they

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A dirty and stinky bed sheet at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Patients allege that filthy and smelly sheets are left on beds at the unit for days due to negligence of the hospital authorities. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

MUNICIPAL POLLS
Khaleda demands army deployment

Suddenly questions number of Liberation War martyrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night demanded army deployment for the December 30 municipality polls, saying it is essential for holding the election in a free and fair manner.

"I can tell you that the BNP will get 80 percent votes if a fair election is held. But a worthless and spineless person is there at the Election Commission and you cannot

expect a proper election," she said at a discussion at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh.

"Army deployment is a must for holding a truly fair and neutral municipal election. We can expect a fair election to some extent if the army is deployed."

The former prime minister came up with the demand nine days before the elections to 235 municipalities. Jatiyatabadi

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Bangladeshi youth missing in New Delhi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Bangladeshi youth Aunik Arnold Dhali, pursuing post graduation at Jawaharlal Nehru University here, went missing from Indira Gandhi International Airport a week ago.

A student of international relations, Dhali was to take a flight to Dhaka on December 15. A complaint was lodged with Delhi police in this regard.

A police official said Dhali's friends approached law enforcers and the Bangladesh High Commission here.

Some of his friends yesterday came across a Facebook post in which Dhali claimed that he was safe at Manali of Himachal

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Miss Philippines Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach is being crowned Miss Universe after a mix-up in announcement of the winner's name.



Oops, it's a mistake!

AFP, Las Vegas

Ariadna Gutierrez, had triumphed. She was fleetingly crowned and congratulated at the ceremony in Las Vegas and started waving to fans. But as she blew kisses to an adoring crowd, Harvey was forced to come clean and announce the real winner.

"OK folks, I have to apologize. The first runner up is Colombia."

"Miss Universe 2015 is Philippines,"

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