

MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY New leaders to bring success

Says BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul on visiting Swadhin Bangla Football Team member battling cancer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Strengthened with new leadership, BNP's "democracy restoration" movement will now achieve success, its secretary general, Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, told journalists yesterday after visiting an ailing former footballer at the latter's Jigatola residence in the capital. "BNP's national council has surely helped the party become revitalised and reorganised," he said on providing, on Chairperson Khaleida Zia's behalf, financial assistance to Ainul Haq, a Swadhin Bangla Football Team member battling cancer for long, as per his family.

Fakhrul said with no democracy and "under the rule of an undemocratic and unelected government", the ruling party men were taking over polling stations and snatching people's right to franchise.

Lambasting government plans to hike power and gas tariffs, he claimed it was "to plunder more public money", threatening to wage tougher movements with the masses. He said utility costs have been raised in phases since the government assumed office in 2014.

SABBIR KILLING CASE

Five acquitted accused asked to surrender

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered five accused, who got acquitted of Bashundhara Group official Humayun Kabir Sabbir killing case, to surrender before the lower court in six weeks.

During a hearing of a government petition, the HC however asked the lower court to grant them bail if they surrender.

It also issued a rule asking the accused to explain in four weeks as to why the lower court judgement should not be scrapped.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Amir Hossain came up with the rule following a petition filed by the government seeking cancellation of the judgment.

The bench also asked the authorities concerned to produce the records in four weeks, HC sources said.

Sabbir, a director of Bashundhara Telecommunications Network Ltd, was killed in capital's Gulshan area in July, 2006.

A Dhaka court on December 15, 2011 acquitted all five accused including Shafiq Sobhan Sanvir, son of Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Sobhan Shah Alam.

Four other accused are Nure Alam and Humayun Kabir, security guards of Sabbir's house, and Khairul Hassan Ujjal and Shamsuddin Ahmed, bodyguards of Sanvir.

Gaibandha MP

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sources said. Meanwhile, the Gaibandha-1 MP secured a permanent bail in the case yesterday from the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Mainul Hasan Yousuf, his lawyer said.

On the morning of October 2, the lawmaker shot Sourav, 10, in both legs with his licensed gun when the boy was taking a morning walk with his uncle Shahjahan at Gopalcharan village, said his family members.

The MP was returning home at the time from Sundarganj, and stopped his car at Brac Intersection. Liton gestured for Shahjahan to come near him. Scared, Shahjahan started running instead.

The MP then opened fire from close range. Two bullets tore through Sourav's right leg and another through the left.

Sourav's father Saju Mia alleged that Liton also tried to prevent them from taking his critically wounded son to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

The following day, Saju filed a case with Sundarganj Police Station, accusing Liton of attempted murder.

Detectives detained the MP from the capital's Uttara on October 15, hours after the Supreme Court cleared the way for his arrest in two cases, including one for the shooting.

The other case was filed on October 6 against Liton and nine of his men over vandalising a house and looting furniture and corrugated iron sheets from its roof in a Gaibandha village soon after the shooting.

4th phase of UP polls sees fewer AL men being elected unopposed

PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

Just six ruling Awami League chairman candidates are set to be elected unopposed in the fourth phase of the union parishad polls, a sharp decline from the previous phases of the polls.

In the first phase, 54 AL-nominated candidates were elected uncontested to the chairman posts in 725 union parishads, while the number of elected unopposed chairmen in the second and third phase of the polls were 34 and 25, Election Commission sources said.

Sources at the EC said the number of elected unopposed chairman candidates dropped sharply as it took measures so that nomination papers could be submitted at two places.

During the first phase of UP polls, the EC received allegations of AL chairman aspirants creating obstacles for their opponents in submitting nomination papers to the returning officer's office.

From the second phase of the polls, the EC took a step so that the aspirants are able to submit their nomination papers to the deputy commissioner's office apart from the returning officer's office.

Following the EC's move, the BNP got more candidates to run for the chairman posts, compared to the first two phases of the polls, party insiders said.

In the fourth phase, the party failed to nominate candidates in 55 out of 727 UPs. But in the first two phases, it faced a crisis of candidates as the ruling party men allegedly suppressed and intimidated them

into not running for the polls, sources at the BNP and the EC said.

In the first phase, the BNP failed to name candidates in 114 UPs, and the number decreased to 75 and 51 in the second and third phases, the BNP claimed.

Asaduzzaman, director (public relations) of the EC, said April 7 was the last day for submitting nomination papers in the fourth phase of the election, and 3,725 nomination papers were submitted for the chairman posts in 727 UPs. The AL was able to name candidates in all UPs, while the BNP nominated candidates in 672 UPs, he said.

The number of the unopposed elected chairman candidates may rise from six as the deadline for withdrawal of nominations is yet to expire, EC sources said.

Meanwhile, President of a faction of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday sent a letter to Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad, asking him to allocate the electoral symbol "torch" for his faction.

In the letter, he said the party held a council, and he and Shirin Akhter were elected president and general secretary.

But some leaders, including Sharif Nurul Ambia and Mainuddin Khan Badal, left the party and were plotting to form another party with the same name and registration number and electoral symbol, alleged Inu, who is also the information minister.

The EC already talked to the two factions on April 6, but is yet to make any decision.

AL Dhaka city units

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named the presidents and general secretaries of the units and approved top two office bearers of thana, ward and union units under the jurisdiction of the two city units.

The AL chief's approval came 39 months after the AL's city unit council asked Hasina to pick new leaders. After 2003, this is the first time the city AL got new leadership.

AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam yesterday announced the new committees of AL Dhaka city north and south units during a press conference held at party president's Dhanmondi office. This is the first time the Dhaka city committee has been split in two.

Dhaka-11 lawmaker and former vice-president of city AL AKM Rahmatullah and former Labagh thana AL unit president Abul Hasnat were made presidents of Dhaka north and south units of the party respectively.

Former Mohammadpur thana unit president Sadek Khan has been made general secretary of north and former city AL organising secretary Shahe Alam Murad of south.

Ashraf claimed that the newly-formed committees were powerful and hoped that they would play an important role in the next general elections.

The last council of Dhaka city AL was held on December 27, 2012, and its three-year tenure had expired three months ago. In the last council, nearly 2,000 councilors and 3,000 delegates of Dhaka city AL gathered to elect new leadership through voting but it ended without any vote being cast.

The council left the decision to the AL chief.

The 2012 council was held nine years after the previous council which was on June 18, 2003, where Mohammad Hanif was made president.

After Hanif passed away on November 28, 2006, MA Aziz was made acting president. Aziz died on January 23 this year.

On having a fully-fledged committee, Shahe Alam Murad told The Daily Star that they would announce full committees after consulting with party chief Sheikh Hasina.

AL doesn't own

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It also urged the government to cancel the festival bonus for Pahela Baishakh, saying the allowance should be provided to Muslims on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

The organisation went as far as to demand resignation of the chief justice saying, "A Hindu chief justice in a country where 98 percent people are Muslims is an assault on the sentiment of religious Muslims."

Claiming to be an AL-affiliated organisation all along, the Olama League has been using a floor of the AL central office on Bangabandhu Avenue for many years.

Directly going against the principles of the secularist Awami League, it has been making several other demands, including cancellation of national education policy.

Leaders of the Olama League say the participation of senior AL leaders in their programmes is a proof of its affiliation with the ruling party.

Abdus Sobhan Golap, office secretary of the AL, however, yesterday said the Olama League is not a front body of the party or a like-minded organisation.

So the party does not own the demands of the organisation, he added.

About the Olama League using a floor of the AL central office, Golap said he was not aware of it and he would look into the matter.

Hanif, however, said the Olama League has no office at the AL headquarters on Bangabandhu Avenue.

The AL leader added he has urged the DMP not to allow any rally or procession of Olama League or any organisation which use the name of Awami League but has no link to the party.

About the AL's request to the

DMP, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said he heard of it.

"The Awami League has provided the names of its front bodies and like-minded organisations and made verbal request for action so that none except those organisations can use the name of the party," he told The Daily Star.

In a press release yesterday, the Jangibad O Samprodaikota Protirodh Morcha, a platform against communalism and militancy, said Olama League identifying itself as the AL's front organisation is spreading propaganda against the spirit of Liberation War and Bangalee culture.

The Morcha, led by eminent journalist Abed Khan, will organise a rally at Bakultala of the Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University at 4:00pm today, demanding a ban on Olama League.

2 die as trains hit them in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons were killed as trains hit them in two accidents in the capital yesterday.

In Tejkuni Para, Zahir Islam Joy, 8, son of Mohammad Khokon, was hit by a train, said witnesses.

Seriously injured Joy was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

In Mohgbazar, Azhar Hossain, 46, a staff of holy family medical college hospital, died after being run over by another train while he was crossing the rail track in Pearabagh, said railway police.

Youth commits suicide failing to find job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth who came to Dhaka on March 28 from Nilphamari in search of a job, allegedly committed suicide yesterday morning at a relative's house, after failing to find one.

Police broke open the door of a bathroom of Shahidul Islam's house, a relative of Humayun Kabir Basunia, 24, at Monipur Mollapara and recovered the body hanging from a ventilator with a suicide note attached to the rope he hung himself with, said Sub-inspector (SI) Ahsan Habib of Mirpur Police Station.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy, and morgue sources said Basunia committed suicide.

Shahidul Islam, the relative he was staying with, said Humayun, who quit his honours education in Dinajpur due to hardship, attended quite a few interviews but could not get a job.

Road crash kills 10-yr-old

CITY DESK

Three people, including a 10-year-old girl and a college student, were killed and three others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday and on Saturday.

In Bogra, a 10-year-old girl was killed when a three-wheeler ran her over while she was crossing the Jmagram-Bogra road in Jamgram area of Kahaloo upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Monisha Khatun, daughter of Aminur Rahman of Sonarpara village. She was a class-four student of Jamgram Government Primary School.

In Comilla, a college student was killed and three people were injured when two motorcycles collided head-on on Raipur-Asmania road in Kashipur area of on Saturday evening.

The deceased was Ashiqur Rahman of Basra village. He was a 3rd-year honours student of Comilla Victoria College.

In Mymensingh, an unidentified man, aged about 35, was killed when a truck ran him over while he was crossing the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Bhaluka Bus Stand area on Saturday evening.

CID talks

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failed to ascertain the cause of her death. This raised doubts about the autopsy and a court later ordered a second post-mortem.

Emerging from the CID office, Dr Saha told journalists, "They wanted to understand the matter [autopsy]. They wanted to know in details how it was done."

About the report of the second autopsy, he said they will submit it after receiving all the test results.

Asked about an allegation that evidences were destroyed during the first autopsy, Dr Sharmin, who conducted the post-mortem, said: "This is not true."

Tonu, a 19-year-old graduate student, was found senseless a few hundred yards from her residence inside Comilla Cantonment on March 20. She was whisked off to the Combined Military Hospital in Comilla where doctors declared her dead. Many suspect she was raped before being killed.

A CID team led by Deputy Inspector General Mahbub Mohsin yesterday visited the spot where Tonu's body was found and talked to the victim's family.

Later, Special Superintendent Nazmul Karim Khan of the CID's Comilla-Noakhali Division said they were making their sincerest efforts to unravel the murder mystery.

The CID official on Saturday said they had found some clues and would some arrests in two to four days.

PROTESTS ON
Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) yesterday held a "citizens' rally" at the Raju Sculpture on the Dhaka University campus, protesting Tonu's murder.

Teachers, students, politicians, theatre activists and other joined the rally to demand immediate actions to stop murder and torture of women and children.

"The administration is staging a drama in the name of investigating the murder. There is no law and order in the country and only the powerful people can avail justice," said Ashrafur Alam Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, at the programme.

Actress Sumona Soma said the frequent incidents of murder were actually being used to cover up the previous incidents.

Arrest order

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and Akbar Hossain of Paramount Tannery -- in its custody for over five hours since 11 am for not implementing the court's directives and not replying to its rule.

The three were ordered to reappear before the court today and explain what steps have taken to relocate the tanneries to Savar, petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star.

Wadud, Wahab and Mafiz did not appear before the court yesterday despite summons issued earlier, he said.

Another defendant Arefin Shamsul Al Amin, managing director of Rana Leather Industries Ltd, is currently abroad and has been ordered to appear before the court on May 3.

The HC had issued summons against three more tanners -- Rezaul Karim Ansary of Karim Leather Ltd, Abdus Salam of Salam Tannery and Sayedul Haque Master of Juliet Enterprise -- but they have died, Manzill added.

In the 2001 verdict, the HC directed the government to ensure relocation of the tanneries within two years to save the Buriganga river from pollution.

As the government did not implement

the orders, the Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) filed a petition with the court in June 2009.

Following this, the HC asked the government to execute its directives by February 28, 2010. The deadline was later extended by six months.

As nothing happened even then, the court in October 2010 gave the tannery owners six more months to relocate their factories to Savar.

But the owners still did not shift their factories, which was an obstruction to the implementation of the HC verdict, said Manzill.

The industries secretary in August last year informed the HC that the government had issued notices to all tannery owners for relocation but they had not made any preparation to move to Savar.

It was the secretary who gave the HC a list of 10 tanners, made respondents to a rule on August 11 last year.

The HC asked them to explain why contempt of court proceedings should not be initiated against them for creating obstruction to the implementation of its 2001 judgment, Manzill added.

Fake front page

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it condemned his "deeply disturbing" and "profoundly un-American" vision.

"Deportations to begin, President Trump calls for tripling of ICE (immigration and customs enforcement); riots continue," read The Boston Globe's fake headline, dated April 10, 2017.

It was posted on the editorial page, accompanied by a ruthless editorial article saying Trump's campaign "demands an active and engaged opposition."

The mockup was published just three months before the Republican National Convention confirms the party's nominee, with speculation growing over what Trump might do should he actually win the highest office in the land.

On the page are several articles, including one on US soldiers refusing to follow orders to kill the families of members of the so-called Islamic State group, another on a Republican-controlled Congress passing a libel law targeting "absolute scum" in the press.

A separate article details how Trump sparked a diplomatic crisis with China after naming his dog, a Shar-Pei, after Chinese First Lady Peng Liyuan.

"I don't know why she's so offended, I love cute puppies and I love women! It's not like I tweeted out a photo of a Rottweiler named (German Chancellor Angela) Merkel," he was quoted as saying.

A note from the editor at the bottom of the page warns readers that "what you read

on this page is what might happen if the GOP frontrunner can put his ideas into practice, his words into action."

The accompanying editorial urges Republicans to oppose Trump.

"Donald J Trump's vision for the future of our nation is as deeply disturbing as it is profoundly un-American," it said, warning that Trump could be one of the world's next "demagogic strongmen."

The satirical frontpage "is an exercise in taking a man at his word. And his vision of America promises to be as appalling in real life as it is in black and white on the page," the editorial said.

"It requires an opposition as focused on denying Trump the White House as the candidate is flippant and reckless about securing it."

It pointed to Trump's "winks and nods at political violence at his rallies," among other controversies.

"If Trump were a politician running such a campaign in a foreign country right now, the US State Department would probably be condemning him," it added.

"For now, Republicans ought to focus on doing the right thing: putting up every legitimate roadblock to Trump that they can."

Urging Republican leaders to pick an alternative nominee, such as House Speaker Paul Ryan or businessman and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, the Globe's editors noted: "It is better to lose with principle than to accept a dangerous deal from a demagogue."

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৮	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (গুটিএম)।
৯	বাজেট এবং তহবিল উৎস	:	রাজস্ব বাজেট, জিওবি।
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১৯	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	:	জেলা প্রশাসক।
২০	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	:	জেলা প্রশাসক এর কার্যালয়, নোয়াখালী।
২১	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগের নাম্বার	:	০৩২১-৬১০২১।
২২	শর্তাবলীঃ		
	(ক) পিপিএ-২০০৬ এবং পিপিআর-২০০৮ (সংশোধিতসহ) এ প্রদত্ত ক্রয় সংক্রান্ত পদ্ধতি বাধ্যভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে।		
	(খ) পৃষ্ঠীত দরদাতার নিকট উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% পারফরমেন্স সিডিউলটির অর্থ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে।		
	(গ) "ঙ" গ্রুপের ক্ষেত্রে বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে।		
	(ঘ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল		