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Clinton prevails in brutal debate

Trump threatens her with jail

AFP, St Louis

Donald Trump threatened to jail rival Hillary Clinton and accused her husband of abusing women in a vicious presidential debate that appeared unlikely to improve his ratings after a damaging weekend, polls showed yesterday.

Before tens of millions of viewers and a live audience including Bill Clinton and three women who accuse him of past abuse, the Republican nominee shattered the last vestiges of political decorum and issued incendiary allegations against the former president.

With his campaign in a tailspin, Trump apologised for "locker room talk" in which he bragged about groping women, but stated baldly that "Bill Clinton was abusive to women."

"If you look at Bill Clinton, far worse," Trump insisted. "Mine are words, his was action," he said.

Going a step further, the 70-year-old real estate mogul threatened his 2016 Democratic rival -- whom he accused of having "hate in her heart" -- with imprisonment if he wins the presidency.

"If I win, I'm going to instruct the attorney general to get a special prosecutor to look into your situation because there's never been so many lies, so much deception," Trump said.

Hillary Clinton, facing a deeply wounded candidate with one month to go before Election Day, pushed back by saying Trump's lewd comments merely showed his true self.

"This is who Donald Trump is, and the question for us, the question our country must answer is that this is not who we are."

When Clinton said that it was "awfully good" that someone with Trump's temperament was not leading the nation, he shot back: "Because you'd be in jail."

Two separate polls showed Clinton had prevailed in the second of three presidential debates.



US Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton (R) speaks as US Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump listens during the second presidential debate at Washington University in St Louis, Missouri, on Sunday night.



UK Labour Party Tulip shadow minister for early years education

BSS, Dhaka

Tulip Rizwana Siddiq has been inducted into the shadow cabinet of UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn.

She will be joining Shadow Minister for Education Angela Rayner's team as the shadow minister for early years education.

"Delighted to join the brilliant @AngelaRayner in Shadow Education team - we will battle to hold gov to account on education and early years," tweeted Tulip.

Her appointment comes

Minister gets trapped in lift

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim was trapped inside an elevator in his office at the secretariat yesterday.

The incident happened around 3:30pm when the minister, along with six other people, got into the elevator from the second floor to get down to a lower floor, a ministry official, seeking anonymity, told The Daily Star.

Fire service unit of the secretariat was called in after initial attempts of rescuing the minister by officials of the ministry failed. Another unit from the fire service headquarters soon joined in the effort and succeeded in freeing all the seven passengers of the elevator by breaking open its door, said the official.

According to various news portals, the minister was trapped there for around half an hour.

A Fire Service and Civil Defence official told this correspondent that the minister and six other people were trapped inside the elevator as it became jammed on the ground floor after it descended from the second floor.

They had to break the elevator door



Danger lurks in lifts

Lack of regular maintenance, proper inspection make lifts in many govt, private buildings risky

TAWFIQUE ALI and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Lack of routine maintenance and safety inspection by qualified professionals sometimes leads to elevator crashes and consequent deaths which could have been avoided, said experts and high officials.

Unfortunately, authorities of many public and private buildings -- commercial, residential or official -- ignore routine elevator and electrical maintenance works, thinking those would be unnecessary expenses, according to traders, real estate developers and officials.

Monthly maintenance and thorough inspection at least every six months are vital to detecting any faults in the basic safety system, like loosening of the pulling cable, malfunction of the control system, sensors and the motor of a lift, said Prof Mohammad Ali, head of the mechanical engineering department at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

More importantly, some parts of a lift should be replaced on a regular basis, he noted.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim along with a number of officials got trapped in a lift for quite some time at his Secretariat office yesterday. Firefighters later rescued the minister by breaking open the lift door, said officials.

In March 2012, another lift at the Secretariat building-6 went out of order with nine reporters trapped inside for around 15 minutes on the 14th floor. The panicked newsmen started pounding on

the lift door and after some time a man claiming to be an engineer forcibly opened it. A number of secretariat staff then complained of frequent occurrence of such incidents.

On June 24 this year, six people, including two women, were killed and over 100 injured in a lift crash and consequent deadly fire at a shopping mall in the capital's Uttara.

The director general of Fire Service and Civil Defence primarily blamed poor maintenance of the lift for the collapse.

Earlier on the same day, two ministers got trapped in a lift for about 20 minutes, as the lift went down several floors at speed and got stuck at the Ekushey TV building in Karwan Bazar.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid and State Minister for Information and Communications Technology Zunaïd Ahmed Palak along with several others were leaving the building after taking part in a talk show, said sources at the television station.

All the people trapped were later rescued unhurt. Many such incidents occur, but go unreported unless there is a major casualty, said experts.

Such mishaps would not have occurred if the lifts were installed ensuring proper standard under the supervision of qualified professionals, said Prof Ali, adding that there should not be any reason for the lift cabin cable to break and crash to the ground.

New mega city to replace Cairo



CNN ONLINE

Egypt's new capital city moved a step closer to reality with the announcement that Chinese developers will largely fund the mega project.

The China Fortune Land Development Company (CFLD) agreed to provide \$20 billion for the currently unnamed city, after a meeting between heads of the firm and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi.

This follows a previous commitment of \$15 billion from another Chinese state-owned company, bringing the project close to its \$45 billion budget requirements for phase I.

Plans for the new capital were first announced in March 2015. Government officials described the development as a solution to crowding, pollution and rising house prices in Cairo.

Bogra roof collapse kills worker

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A construction worker was killed and seven others were injured as the roof of an under construction building collapsed at Gokul in Bogra Sadar upazila yesterday.

The dead is Abdul Momin, 45, son of Tuku Mia of Shakharia village in Bogra Sadar upazila.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Abdul Hamid tending to his vegetable garden at Purbadasha village in Sylhet. The farmer is happy with the good yield of winter vegetable at his garden and hopes to get a good price for the produce. Inset, Abdul Kadir at his paddy field at Badaeli village in the upazila. Many paddy fields, including Kadir's, in the area went under water this year due to flash floods triggered by heavy rain. The photos were taken yesterday.

CERTIFICATION OF UNIVERSITIES Govt to constitute 13-member council

Cabinet okays draft law aimed at improving quality of university education

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft of the Accreditation Council Act-2016 that seeks to form a council to grant accreditation to public and private universities in order to improve quality of higher education.

"This is a long-expected law for improving the quality of higher education, particularly at the university level," Cabinet Secretary M Shafiqul Alam told reporters after the weekly cabinet meeting at the Secretariat.

As per the proposed law, a 13-member accreditation council comprising a chairman and four full-time and eight part-time members would be formed. It would have the jurisdiction to grant, suspend and cancel accreditation certificates, said the secretary.

The council, in principle, had endorsed the draft of the law in March. Earlier in April 2012, the education ministry prepared the primary draft of the law. It sought opinion from different ministries, universities and departments concerned. The draft was uploaded on the education ministry's website to seek public opinion.

According to education ministry officials, the council would evaluate the curriculum, academic activities, library facilities and publications of university teachers before rating a particular university for accreditation. There are now 38 public and 96 private universities in the country.

Shafiqul said granting accreditation to higher educational institutions and formation of separate accreditation committees at every discipline of universities would also be under the council's jurisdiction.

Besides, it would set the conditions for granting accreditation. It would work to earn international recognition of accreditation through inter-state discussions and mutual talks with international organisations, he added.

The council would organise seminar, symposium, training and campaign programmes on accreditation and inspire all concerned to do so, said the cabinet secretary.

About the qualification of the council chairman, he said the candidate must have 25 years' teaching experience at public universities, including a minimum of 10 years as a professor.