



## DISTRICT COUNCILS VIPs can't campaign in this election either Says draft code of conduct

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Like other local government elections, VIPs including ministers, MPs, the speaker and opposition leaders in parliament, who enjoy government facilities, cannot join the campaign in the upcoming district council election, according to a proposed code of conduct.

On the other hand, the contestants will not be allowed to hold public rallies and use loudspeakers.

The Election Commission sent the draft code to the law ministry yesterday for scrutiny.

The first-ever election to the district councils is slated for December 28, and EC may announce the schedule in the middle of the next month. The aforementioned VIPs are not allowed to campaign for any candidate during the election to other local government bodies -- upazila prishads, city corporations, and union parishads -- because their presence might influence the polls, said Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz. "As there are a limited number of voters in this election, we want that this campaign is conducted on a limited scale. That is why we have taken the decision to impose a bar on public rallies and loudspeakers," he told The Daily Star.

The district council is comprised of a chairman, 15 general members, and five female members from the reserved seats for women. They will be elected by the direct vote of representatives of local government bodies -- city corporations, upazila parishads and union parishads, according to law.

In 2000, the Awami League-led government repealed the Zila Parishad Act 1988 and passed the District Council Act 2000 with a provision for election to Zila Parishads. But no election to the parishads has been held so far, allowing bureaucrats to run them.

Later in December 2011, the government appointed administrators to 61 Zila Parishads or district councils, most of whom are top leaders of AL's district units. On October 6, the parliament passed the District Council (Amendment) Act 2016.

## Khadiza shifted to cabin, now able to eat food on her own

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Physicians yesterday shifted Khadiza to a cabin from the High Dependency Unit of Square Hospital as her condition began improving.

Rejaus Sattar, a neurosurgeon of the hospital, told The Daily Star that doctors would now observe her condition for a couple of weeks and plan her next treatment.

Her father Mashuk Miah said he fed her breakfast in the cabin and she was able to take solid food on her own.

A 23-year-old student of Sylhet Government Women's College Khadiza Begum Nargis was brutally hacked by Badrul Alam, a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader of Shahjalal

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## Ali Imam elected TIB trustee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former cabinet secretary Ali Imam Majumder has been elected as a trustee board member of Transparency International Bangladesh.

Ali Imam was unanimously elected at the 88th meeting of TIB Trustee Board on July 22, said a press release. He gave his consent and participated in the 89th meeting of the TIB on Wednesday.

Ali Imam started his career in government service through Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) exams in 1977 and held important positions at various ministries. He was also the principle secretary of the Prime Minister's Office, member

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## MITU MURDER Charge-framing hearing in arms case Nov 13

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A Chittagong court yesterday fixed November 13 for hearing on charge framing against two accused in a case filed over the arms used in the murder of Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, wife of former superintendent of police Babul Akter.

The two accused are Ehteshamul Haque Bhola and Monir Hossain.

According to the charge sheet, Bhola, also an accused in others cases, supplied the arms used in the murder.

On June 5, Mitu was stabbed and shot dead at GEC intersection.

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**Ingredients**

- 500 gm mashed potatoes
- 150 gm white flour
- 60 gm parmesan cheese
- 10 gm salt

**Method**

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Peel potatoes and add to pot. Cook for 15 minutes until tender, but make sure the potatoes are still firm. Drain, cool and mash with a fork or potato masher. Combine mashed potato, flour and egg in a large bowl. Knead until the dough forms a ball. Shape small portions of the dough into long "snake" or "rope" like shapes. Sprinkle some flour on the surface you are working the dough on. On the floured surface, cut the "snake" shapes into half-inch pieces.

Bring another large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Drop in the gnocchi and cook for 3 to 5 minutes or until the gnocchi has risen to the top; drain and season with a compatible sauce and serve.

**Pro-tip: Get the salt to melt inside the dough. If you find your dough to be too wet after boiling, just add a bit more flour.**

This recipe has been prepared by **Cristiano Marrosu, Chef de cuisine**  
Prego Kitchen, The Westin Dhaka

# GNOCCHI DI PATATE WITH THE RIGHT SAUCE

**THE SAUCE: HOMEMADE BASIL PESTO**

**Ingredients**

- 100 gm of fresh genovese
- 30 gm pine nuts
- 60 gm freshly grated, aged parmigiano-reggiano or grana padano cheese and pecorino cheese
- 2 pcs of garlic
- 10 gm salt
- 80 cc extra virgin oil

**Method**

Put the basil, pine nuts, Parmesan, garlic and oil in a food processor until smooth; season the whole thing with salt and voila, you have your first sauce ready!

**Pro-tip: Be careful not to blend the basil leaf too much as it is very tender and can alter your dishes flavour. If blended too much, the colour might change to a darker shade. Put your ingredients in the fridge for 30 minutes before blending to make the blending easier.**

**FORMAGGI SAUCE**

**Ingredients**

- 50 gm gorgonzola
- 50 gm parmesan cheese
- 50 gm mascarpone (or cream base)
- 50 gm pecorino cheese
- 50 ml light cream
- 30 gm butter

**Method**

In a pan, melt about ½ stick butter, then pour in the light cream and bring to a boil. When the cream is beginning to boil, slowly and steadily mix in the Mascarpone. After it has melted, slowly add the other cheeses, giving them time to melt and blend into the cream. The sauce will be ready when all the cheeses have been properly mixed in and when it comes to a boil once again. And there you have it! A perfect treat for the cheese lovers!

**Pro-tip: There is no perfect recipe. A chef prepares according to his taste and preference too so never hesitate to experiment!**

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