

# Hanif's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the ninth death anniversary of Mohammad Hanif, the first elected mayor of the Dhaka City Corporation and president of Dhaka City Awami League. On the occasion, Mayor Mohammad Hanif Memorial Foundation, AL Dhaka city unit and its associate organisations, Mayor Mohammad Hanif Smrity Sangsad and different socio-cultural organisations will hold special prayers and memorial discussion.

President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in separate messages paid rich tributes to Hanif, also a close associate of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Hanif joined politics in his student life under the tutelage of Bangabandhu. He also played a significant role in different democratic movements.

He suffered splinter injuries while shielding AL President Sheikh Hasina during the grenade attack on August 21, 2004 on an AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital. He died of a cardiac arrest at a city hospital in 2006.

Hanif's son incumbent Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon sought doa for his father, said a press release.



Children pick water lilies from Yeam Beel (wetland), which transforms into a blaze of pink around this time of the year. The floral display on the liquid landscape at Jaintapur upazila of Sylhet not only brings delight to hundreds of visitors but also serves as a seasonal earning source for many families in the region. The photo was taken Friday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

# BCL LEADER DIAZ'S DEATH Strike forced upon CU

CU CORRESPONDENT

Supporters of Bangladesh Chhatra League central leader Diaz Irfan Chowdhury yesterday cut pipes of five coaches of two shuttle trains of Chittagong University during an indefinite strike.



The subsequent suspension of train services on security grounds caused sufferings to students.

Md Shahabuddin, station master of Sholoshahar Railway Station, could not say when services would resume.

Under the banner of "Shachetan Chhatra-Chhatra Brinda", the agitators also snatched keys of around three buses teachers use, said Md Mokaddes Mia, in-charge of CU police outpost. They also beat up three rickshaw-pullers on the campus, he added.

Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury said classes and exam were halted for the strike. "Those who called the strike could have inform us earlier...they are creating unrest," he said.

Denying the allegations, BCL CU Vice President Nazim Uddin said they called the strike on Saturday to press their demands, including a proper investigation, a second autopsy and Assistant Proctor Anwar Hossain Chowdhury's resignation. Diaz, assistant secretary of BCL and a former joint secretary of BCL CU unit, was found hanging in his house near Gate No-2 of CU on November 20. His followers claim it a political murder.

# Buddhist leaders condemn atrocities on Rohingyas

ASK urges govt, NGOs to come forward in aid of victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Bangladesh Buddhist Federation yesterday condemned the ongoing repression on Rohingyas and urged the Myanmar government to resolve the crisis in a peaceful manner.

They also urged the international community to come forward immediately to save the Rohingyas from the oppression and killing.

Meanwhile, Ain o Salish Kendro (ASK) expressed grave concern at the deteriorating situation in Myanmar and reports of human rights violations against Rohingyas. They urged the Bangladesh government and NGOs to provide treatment and warm clothes to the victims who took shelter in

the country, said a press release.

Ashoke Barua, general secretary of Bangladesh Buddhist Federation, said, "This brutality is not against religion, it's against humanity." He made the comments while addressing a press conference at Dhaka Reporter's Unity.

He also expressed anxiety over posting of fake images of atrocities against the Rohingyas in the social media. "We have informed the government about our worries and it increased security in the religious institutions," he said.

Ashim Ranjan Barua and Dharma Mitra Mahathero were also present.

# NCC ELECTION 2016

## All 174 polling booths at risk

Army deployment not needed, says RO

STAR REPORT

Terming all the 174 polling stations in Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC) vulnerable in terms of security, Retuning Officer Nuruzzaman Talukder yesterday stressed the need for deployment of additional law enforcers to hold a free and fair election to the city corporation. He, however, told

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## Shakhawat's riches twice Ivy's

STAR REPORT

The BNP-backed mayoral candidate for Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC), Shakhawat Hossain Khan, is almost twice as wealthy as Awami League-backed candidate Selina Hayat Ivy.

This was revealed in the statements they have submitted to the district's Election Commission office, reports UNB. Both Shakhawat and Ivy submitted the wealth statements with their nomination papers Thursday.

Ivy, the 14-party alliance candidate,



Selina Hayat Ivy



Shakhawat

mentioned in her statement she possesses wealth worth about Tk 42.24 lakh. Besides, she owns some one eighth portion of a 1.12 acre plot.

In 2011, Ivy was elected as the mayor when she mentioned her yearly income was Tk 16.47 lakh while she had a bank deposit of Tk 10 lakh and golden ornaments worth Tk 30,000.

Ivy's yearly income was Tk 11.34 lakh as the mayor of NCC. She is not accused in any

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# 'PLOT TO CONDUCT ARMED JIHAD' ABT leader Rahmani, nine others indicted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against the chief of banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team Mufti Jasimuddin Rahmani and nine others in a case filed under the Anti-terrorism Act-2009.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the indictment order and fixed January 4 to start the trial.

The nine other accused are: Kazi Mohammad Rezwan, 30, Naimul Hasan, 28, Ali Azad, 28, Jahidul Islam, 27, Junun Shikder, 27, Amirul Islam, 25, Abu Hanif, 23, Saiful Islam, 21, and Al Asadullah alias Abdullah alias Md Piyas, 19.

Rahmani, Abu Hanif and Piyas are in jail while Azad is on bail and the rest are absconding.

In 2014, detectives pressed the charges against them.

On November 8 this year, the court took cognisance of the charges following a July 26 approval from the home ministry.

Previously the court could not frame the charges as the ministry did not give approval on time.

As per the anti-terrorism act, courts cannot frame charges against such accused without the home ministry's nod.

The case was filed with Mohammadpur police in 2013 after they were arrested from Katashur area allegedly for plotting to gain control of a part of the country and conduct armed jihad (struggle).

Rahmani, the organisation's spiritual leader, was arrested from Barguna the same year and was shown arrested in a case filed over the killing of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider in February that year.

On December 31 last year, Rahmani was found guilty of provoking Rajib's murder through his sermons and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

# India to give Tk 2.3cr for Madaripur projects

CITY DESK

India will provide Tk 2.3 crore for several development projects in Madaripur.

A memorandum of understanding was signed in Madaripur yesterday by officials concerned in presence of Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan and Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

The projects, to be completed in eight months, are on Charmuguria Merchant High School, Bir Muktiyoddha Shajahan Khan College and Charmuguria Sree Sree Kalibari Mondir.

Others include Kapali Jubo Shango, Radha Krishna Durga and Gonesh Pagol Mandir, Kadambari Union College, auditorium in Gonesh Pagol Ashrom, and Amgram Sree Sree Radha Krishna Mondir, said an Indian high commission press release.

# SC order today on Manna's bail from HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed today for passing orders on two petitions against a High Court verdict granting bail to Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna in two cases.

The four-member Appellate Division bench headed by Chief Justice SK Sinha set the date after hearing government petitions seeking stay on the bail.

On August 30 and November 10, the HC granted the bail in the cases filed on charge of sedition and provoking the armed forces to topple the government.

Manna was arrested on February 25, 2015, a day after his phone conversations with BNP leader Sadeque Hossain Khoka regarding strengthening the anti-government movement was leaked.

That day, a case was filed against him for instigating the armed forces to topple the government.

On March 5 last year, Gulshan police lodged the sedition case against him.

# EC starts updating voter list

To continue till December 15

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) started updating voter list on Friday, which will continue till December 15.

Those, born in or before January 1, 1999, will be eligible to be included in the list, said Muhammad Abdullah, secretary to the EC. This time, the EC-appointed enumerators will not visit door to door. Rather, the citizens will have to visit their respective upazila or thana election offices. The secretary said this at a press conference at EC secretariat yesterday.

A person will need attested photocopies of birth certificate, citizenship certificate, utility bills and certificate of SSC or equivalent examination. Currently, there are around 10 crore voters in the country.

Meanwhile, many chairman and member aspirants of the upcoming district council elections are now applying for transferring their voting addresses.

As per electoral rules, the aspirants must be a voter of their respective districts. There are many candidates, who are voters of Dhaka but want to run the poll in their districts. "So far we have received around one hundred of such applications," an election commissioner told The Daily Star.

Of them, Lt Col (ret'd) Abu Osman Chowdhury, who got support of ruling Awami League to contest in Chandpur district council elections, also applied for changing his address because he is a voter of Dhaka.

As per Electoral Roll Act, 2009, transferring of voting address prohibited after announcement of the poll schedule. But the act has given special power to the commission to allow such transfer on special ground. But the EC has now decided not to allow that ahead of the elections. So, it rejected Abu Osman's application on Thursday, said the commissioner.

Contacted, Abu Osman said he was yet to get any formal decision till last evening. Elections to 61 district council will be held on December 28.

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